WEATHER.

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NATION'S PROBLEMS AFTER WAR SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSIONS

Notable Speakers at Opening Session of Southern Commercial Congress.

TAR HEELS CONSPICUOUS

Judge Winston Presents Resolution in Answer to Penrose's "Force Bill" Amendment

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—Problems which the United States faces in its relations to the warring nations and which will come with international reconstruction after peace were the dominant notes of the discussion today at the opening sessions of the eighth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress. The speakers included Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, president of the congress; John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency Governor Stuart, of Virginia; E. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, and E. S. Brigham, commissioner of agriculture of Vermont.

Comptroller Williams warned his audience that this country must prepare to defend itself from aggression and that it must be ready to lend the great wealth it has piled up at the war's expense to the rehabilitation of Europe and to finance the world. Its succor to the needy in the nations at war, he said, had been niggardly and its efforts to maintain its neutrality and to enforce the laws of nations has earned for it the enmity of most of warring nations.

Senator Fletcher averted that measures already passed by the National Congress and the enactment of those pending, such as the Shipping bill and the Webb bill to permit combinations of exporters, would prepare the Nation for the trade war after the European conflict. The Farm Loan act, he said, had placed the farmers on a footing where they might develop the country's agricultural resources to a degree never before known, while the laws to prevent rate discrimination, blacklisting and the dumping of cheap foreign products on this market would protect the manufacturers. He thought that the time was now ripe for the country to develop commerce in Latin-America and China.

Dr. Alderman Speaks

Dr. Alderman saw in the result of the war a vast development in the field of education. Commerce and industry, he said, would play a greater part in the future world history and his belief was that soon there would be in America universities which, in addition to teaching the sciences and classics, would provide courses in commerce and industry which would react these "into professions and enable them to take their places as forms of public service."

Public forums at which delegates may express their opinions on questions facing the Nation and more particularly the South were not held today but it was announced that they would begin with tomorrow's sessions and continue until the convention closes Thursday night. Opportunity for the presentation of resolutions was given, however, and several were offered.

Tar Heels in Limelight

One by Judge Francis D. Winston, of North Carolina, would place the congress on record as saying "that the complete industrial, intellectual and social development of the Southern states can be secured only when the negro race becomes a part of the citizenship of our sister states and that we will encourage all movements tending to an equitable distribution of our negro population among the other states of the Union."

This resolution, which will go to the resolution committee when that body is named was offered privately, but Judge Penrose's "Force bill" amendment to the Owen Corrupt Practice bill in Congress which would extend the vote to a greater number of negroes in the South.

Another resolution offered by J. Hampden Rich, of Winston-Salem, N. C., would provide for the establishment of a permanent Panama Industrial and commercial exposition on the Panama canal as an aid to manufacturers and growers of the country in presenting their products to the nations of the world. A bill providing for such an exposition is before Congress.

Parade in Driving Rain

Anything but favorable weather greeted the Congress, but a driving rain whipped by a high northwest wind did not stop the parade this afternoon. Thousands lined the streets to see 3,000 sailors and marines of the navy, their blue uniforms hidden beneath the regulation navy oilskin, the Virginia Military Cadet Corps, 400 strong, and several hundred Virginia Guardsmen.

Governor Craig Speaks.

The House of Southern Governors, one of the affiliated bodies of the congress, convened tonight. Governor Stuart presided in the absence of Governor Manning, of South Carolina, the chairman, and Governors Craig, of North Carolina, and Henderson, of Alabama, and Representative Small, of North Carolina, spoke. Governor Craig's announcement that President Wilson had proclaimed a new doctrine of "justice and righteousness as against force and aggression," brought the crowd that packed the convention hall

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TEUTONS CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Have Emerged From Swamp Lands in Rumania and Now Face 35 Miles of Plains.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SERBIA

Russian Attacks Repulsed in Eastern Carpathians—Artillery Actions Continue on Western Front. Quiet in Galicia.

The Hungarian and German troops fighting on the center of the line in Rumania have emerged from the swamp lands of the Jalomitza river and made a crossing of the stream near Receann, about midway between Bucharest and the important railroad junction town of Buzeu.

Between the invaders and Buzeu now lie about 35 miles of plains with no more rivers to cross until Buzeu itself is reached. Despite heavy rains and soggy ground, the forces of the Teutonic allies, all along the front in Rumania, continue to make progress. The Rumanian attacks which had held the invaders in the Ploechti region now have been broken, according to Berlin, several thousand additional Rumanians having been made prisoner.

In the fighting in the Eastern Carpathians and along the Moldavian front all the Russian attacks have been repulsed, says the Berlin war office.

Heavy Fighting in Serbia.

Considerable heavy fighting has again taken place in the Cerna river region of Serbia. Both the Berlin and Bulgarian war offices reports repulse of strong Entente Allied attacks in this section, Berlin asserting that the French and Serbians suffered sanguinary losses. However, an advance of several hundred yards against the Teutonic allies west of Suhodol ,northeast of Monastir, is reported by the Serbian general staff, while the French official communication records the pushing forward of the Entente line about 800 meters near Vlaklar.

Artillery actions and small engagements continue on the western front in France and Belgium and also in the Austro-Italian theatre. Quiet prevails in Russia and Galicia.

The Greek situation remains tense. Conferences between the Entente Allies, in an endeavor to reach a very radical solution of the problem, are in progress, according to an announcement of the British foreign office. Unofficial reports say a revolution has been started in the Cyclades Islands in the Aegean sea.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS REPULSED ON TRANSYLVANIAN FRONT

Berlin, Dec. 11, (via Sayville)—Strong Russian attacks were delivered on the Transylvanian front today but were unsuccessful and without influence upon the advance of the Teutonic armies in Wallachia, the war office announced tonight.

New Serbian and French attacks in the Cerna bend on the Macedonian front also failed, says the war office.

GERMANS HAVE LEVIED HEAVY WAR TAX ON RUMANIAN CITIES

London, Dec. 12.—Telegraphing from Jassy, the new capital of Rumania, under date of December 9, the Times correspondent says:

"The Germans have levied a heavy war tax on Bucharest. An edict has been issued forbidding the circulation

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GOVERNOR CRAIG WILL NOT BE CUBA'S GUEST

Declines Invitation and Expresses Sharp Resentment.

Writes Explaining Why He Cannot Accept Courtesies at Hands of That Republic While Repudiated Bond Suit is Pending.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—Declining an invitation for himself and party to pay a visit to the republic of Cuba as the honor guests of the government, Governor Craig this evening wrote Chairman F. Lawrence, of the Cuban-American Society, New York, resenting sharply the action of Cuba in becoming the tool of bond sharks in bringing suit against North Carolina for the collection of Reconstruction bonds that this State has repudiated.

The plan of the society is to invite governors of all the states to visit Cuba this winter and provide a warship for their transportation.

Governor Craig writes that ordinarily he would be glad to accept Cuba's hospitality, but that so long as Cuba attempts to maintain the suit he could not consent to be tue guest of that nation.

He recited something of the unsavory history of the repudiated bonds and North Carolina's sacrifices for Cuba, especially in the volunteering of her citizens to fight for Cuba's relief in that crisis, adding that it was with surprise and disappointment that North Carolina learned of the action of Cuba in undertaking the collection of these old bonds.

HOLLAND APPEALS FOR THE BELGIANS

Urges United States to Lead Neutral Nations in Ending "This Hellish Scourge."

DECISIVE ACTION WANTED

Hollanders Say "We Cannot Longer Passively Contemplate the Ghastly Suffering Inflicted by Germany Upon Our Neighbor."

London, Dec. 11.—The Associated Press has received from Amsterdam an appeal to the American people by the Holland section of the League of Neutral States. The appeal, signed by President Niemeryer and Secretaries DeLafaille and Walch, follows:

"Your president has said that sooner or later a moment would come when the war would make the position of neutral nations unbearable. For us Hollanders that moment has arrived; not through our own sufferings, but because we cannot longer passively contemplate the ghastly suffering inflicted by Germany upon Belgium, our neighbor.

"The eloquent protests of the Belgian government, and of the higher clergy have acquainted you with the facts. A glance at the section of The Hague regulations of 1907 which deals with the law of war on land, will make it obvious to you that the sole reason why the prohibition of this modern slave dealing was not included was because no delegate imagined it could ever be necessary.

"Indeed, one must turn to the history of the early ages of long past centuries before international law existed to find a parallel to the enslaving of the Belgians. The Hague regulations stipulate that the honor and rights of the family must be respected, but the German government deliberately drags the Belgian families apart.

"To us, this cruelty is more vivid every day. Every day numbers of fugitives in spite of the deadly electric wire which the Germans have erected along the frontier, succeed in escaping to The Netherlands. From them we learn the painful details of the unutterable despair of the women and children who are left behind and of the agonizing scenes which take place when husbands, brothers and sons, dragged from their homes and women folk, are packed into cattle and freight cars and thus transported slaves to an unknown destination and to an unknown fate.

"To put an end to this—to arrest this hellish scourge, which at this moment lacerates the whole of Northern France and Western Russia—there is but one way open and that is collective action on the part of the neutral nations.

"And for you, citizens of the mightiest of the neutral states, it is in our opinion the right and duty to take the leadership upon you. Only if you place yourselves at our head can any success crown our efforts. This tyranny is not to be borne in patience, and the neutral nations can no longer stand idly by while in Western Europe, the most primitive laws of humanity, observed even by uncivilized races, are trampled under foot.

"We appeal to you to urge your gov-

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WILSON APPROVES THE COURSE BEING PURSUED

In Investigation of the Increased Cost of Living.

District Attorney Anderson Confers With the President, Who Has Not Decided Upon Remedial Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 11.—In a conference with District Attorney Anderson, of Boston, now in charge of the investigation of the increased cost of living being made by the Department of Justice, President Wilson today expressed his approval of the course being followed and will await further information before deciding whether remedial legislation shall be recommended to Congress.

Mr. Anderson had expected to leave for Chicago today in connection with the Federal grand jury investigation to be instituted there, but his departure was postponed until tomorrow. He will also personally investigate conditions in other large cities.

It was said tonight by officials connected with the investigation that their chief hope for the ultimate lowering of the cost of living lies in simplifying the means of transportation of foodstuffs, the practice of economy by the public, increase in production by farmers and through other such methods rather than by the prosecution of law-breakers.

The programme for immediate action includes general investigation of the activities of alleged coal and food speculators and a closer inquiry into the relations between the high cost of living and the shortage of freight cars. Officials declined to say whether other grand jury investigation than those already announced were contemplated.

ARMY AND NAVY GET SERIOUS ATTENTION

Expected to Be Productive of Even More Drastic Measures of National Defense.

COMMITTEE HEARS DANIELS

Advocates Legislation to Compel Companies to Give Preference to Government Orders—Baker Points Out Some Facts.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The attention of Congress was directed sharply today to matters relating to both the army and navy which are expected to be productive of agitation for even more drastic measures of national defense than have yet been seriously considered. Secretary Daniels, before the House Naval committee, advocated legislation which would compel steel companies and other private concerns to give preference to government orders for military supplies.

He will submit a new section for the pending naval appropriation bill for this purpose in order to hasten battleship construction, which he declared was being delayed by commercial work in the yards of private builders and in the steel plants.

Secretary Baker wrote Speaker Clark in response to a House resolution that 71,834 out of the grand total of 163,800 National Guardsmen taken into the service up to August 31 were without previous military training. Rejections of enrolled Guardsmen for various causes operated later to increase the number of raw recruits to approximately 60 per cent of the force.

Universal Military Service.

In this connection also, army officers charged with the duty of studying events of the European war, both political and military, made preparations to contend before the congressional military committees that the fundamental reason for the cabinet crisis in England was the volunteer military policy there prior to the passage of the Conscription act. The experience of Great Britain is viewed by these officers as the strongest of arguments for the establishment of universal military training in the United States as urged in the report of Major General Scott, chief of staff, and to which the entire American general staff is committed.

Another aspect of the National Guard situation came from Quartermaster Sharp, who told of a $25,000,000 deficiency, incurred by the War Department to equip and pay state troops now in the Federal service. If an average of 75,000 are retained on the border until June 30, he said, the deficiency will be $50,000,000. The universal training advocates are expected to use these figures in contending that prohibitive cost would be the result of the present system if the nation needed a great army.

Daniels Cites Difficulties.

Secretary Daniels explained to the Naval committee a statement in his annual report as to the delays encoun-

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ALLEGED GIGANTIC SWINDLE UNEARTHED

Its Ramifications Touched Several Carolina Communities.

Eight Companies, Including Gas and Light Concerns in This State, Involved in Alleged Fraud Uncovered by Inspectors.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The following story appeared in today's Washington Times:

"Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—A gigantic swindle, exceeding even the wildest dreams of the mythical J. Rufus Wallingford, was brought to light here today when United States postal inspectors conducted a wholesale raid that resulted in the arrest of men who formerly had stood high in Philadelphia business circles. One of the swindles is declared by the authorities to have involved $2,500,000, most of it money of widows and orphans.

"Eight companies are named by the authorities as being involved in the 'big steal.' They are:

"The International Gas & Electric Company, Philadelphia; Bachman & Company, banking firm, Philadelphia; Bank of Independence, Logan, Philadelphia; Concord Gas Company, Concord, N. C.; the Suburban Gas Company, of East Syracuse, N. Y.; the Gaston Gas Company, Gastonia, N. C.; Georgetown Railway & Light Company, Georgetown, S. C., and the Southern Gas & Electric Company, Philadelphia.

"According to Postal Inspector Frank W. Smith, who conducted an investigation into the affairs of the companies that lasted a year, the International Gas & Electric Co., was the principal concern in the scheme. Its worthless stock of $1,500,000 was sold broadcast among 500 victims. The other concerns were used mostly as 'come-ons.'

"With the single exception of the Bank of Independence, all passed into the hands of a receiver in December, 1915, in one grand smash, leaving behind a trail of ruin, according to Smith." P. R. A.

Appointments For N. Carolina Methodist Conference As Read By Bishop J. C. Kilgo Yesterday

(Special Star Telegram)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 11.—The list of appointments in the North Carolina Methodist Conference, read by Bishop John C. Kilgo, just before adjournment of the session in Memorial church here today, is as follows:

Wilmington District—Presiding Elder, J. H. Shore; Burgaw circuit, J. C. Whedbee; Carver's Creek circuit, W. J. Watson; Chadbourn circuit, G. M. Daniel; Clinton circuit, D. E. Earnhardt; Hallsboro circuit, W. C. Benson; Jacksonville and Richlands, C. E. Vale; Kenansville circuit, J. P. Pate; Magnolia circuit, R. F. Munns; Onslow circuit, T. W. Lee; Scott's Hill circuit, C. N. Phillips; Shallotte circuit, R. M. Fitts; Southport, T. G. Vickers; Swansboro circuit, J. M. Lowder; Tabor circuit, R. A. Bruton; Town Creek circuit, E. W. Glass; Wallace and Rose Hill, M. D. Hix; Whiteville, C. M. Lance.

Wilmington—Bladen Street, E. C. Sell; Fifth Avenue, J. H. McCracken; Grace, M. T. Plyler; Wilmington circuit, J. H. Miller; Trinity, W. V. McRae.

Raleigh District—Presiding Elder, J. E. Underwood; Benson circuit, J. T. Stanford; Cary circuit, B. P. Robinson; Clayton, T. A. Sykes; Four Oaks circuit, T. E. Davis; Franklinton circuit, J. H. Buffaloe; Garner circuit, E. B. Craven; Granville circuit, B. H. Black; Johnson circuit, J. G. Johnson; Kenly circuit, C. P. Jerome; Louisburg, N. H. D. Wilson; Millbrook circuit, L. E. Sawyer; Oxford, R. H. Willis; Oxford circuit, B. C. Thompson.

Raleigh—Central, S. E. Mercer; Edenton Street, M. Bradshaw; Epworth, R. F. Taylor; Jenkins' Memorial, J. W. Potter.

Selma, C. K. Proctor; Smithfield, S. A. Cotton; Tar River, J. A. Lee; Youngsville circuit, B. C. Allred; Zebulon circuit, G. W. Sterling.

Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Davis; Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, L. S. Massey; Superintendent Methodist Orphanage, A. S. Barnes; Editor Nashville Christian Advocate, T. N. Ivey; Conference Missionary Secretary, N. H. D. Wilson.

Washington District—Presiding Elder, C. L. Read; Aurora circuit, W. E. Trotman; Ayden circuit, Daniel Lane, Jr.; Bath circuit, J. J. Lewis; Bethel circuit, H. E. Tripp; Elm City, L. T. Singleton; Farmville circuit, S. T. Moyle; Fairfield, C. C. Carson; Fremont circuit, J. L. Rumley; Greenville, Jarvis Memorial, J. M. Daniel; Mattamuskeet circuit, W. P. Constable; McKendree circuit, J. T. Poole; Mount Pleasant circuit, G. B. Perry; Nashville circuit, L. B. Jones; Rocky Mount—First church, R. C. Craven; North Rocky Mount, to be supplied (O. P. Fitzgerald); South Rocky Mount and Clark Street, B. B. Slaughter; Stantonsburg circuit, C. O. Armstrong; Spring Hope circuit, W. T. Phipps; Swann Quarter circuit, R. R. Grant; Tarboro, H. L. Glass; Vanceboro circuit, W. J. Covington; Washington, E. M. Snipes; Wilson, W. A. Stanbury.

Rockingham District— Presiding Elder, J. H. Hall; Aberdeen, F. L. Love; Caledonia circuit, J. B. Thompson; Candor circuit, F. J. McCowell, supply; Elizabeth circuit, W. B. Humble; Ellerbe circuit, Moses E. Cot-

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IMMIGRATION BILL FACES ROUGH ROAD

President Will Veto It If It Goes to White House With Literacy Test Provision.

OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE

Debate on Measure in Senate Develops Into Argument Over Exclusion of Aliens on Account of Race —Executive Session Held

Washington, Dec. 11.—While the immigration bill, passed by the House at the last session, was meeting unexpected opposition in the Senate today, it became known definitely that President Wilson will veto the measure if it goes to the White House with the literacy test provision, one of its chief features. The President early in his administration vetoed a similar bill for the same reason, as Presidents Cleveland and Taft had done before him.

Debate on the bill in the Senate developed into a general argument over the question of exclusion of aliens on account of race.

Senator Works, of California, gave notice that he reserved the right to demand a separate vote on a Senate committee amendment providing for the exclusion of Hindus and other Asiatics by prescribing geographical areas from which immigrants shall not be admitted, without enumerating races.

The amendment recommended by the State Department after inquiries had been made by the Japanese government respecting provisions of the bill as it passed the House, eliminates all reference to the Root-Takahira passport agreement regulating Japanese immigration.

At Mercy of Japanese

Senator Works insisted that this would leave the United States at the mercy of Japanese dictation as to immigration from that country. As treaty rights are involved, the Senate went into executive session for the debate, which lasted more than an hour without a vote.

In open session Senator Reed offered an amendment to include the continent of Africa within the limit set by the committee. Answering a question of Senator Gallinger as to whether Jews might not be as well excluded as negroes, Senator Reed said:

"The Jews by race and blood have been civilized for thousands of years. They spring from the race that gave us our religion and the fundamental of our laws. I am not seeking to open the old black and white issue in this country."

Senator Smith, of South Carolina, in charge of the bill, produced statistics to show that in the last 95 years there have been only about 14,000 immigrants from Africa to this country.

REPORTS OF ASSASSINATION OF CARRANZA ARE DENIED.

Officials Say the Only Rumors Came From the United States.

Nuevo, Texas, Dec. 11.—Reports that General Carranza, first chief of the de facto Mexican government, had been assassinated at Queretaro, were denied in official quarters here tonight. The only rumors of the assassination, officials said, came from the United States.

London, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Strathalbyn, 4,331 tons, has been sunk by a mine. She went down in eight minutes. All on board were saved.

WILSON'S CABINET TO REMAIN INTACT

Every Member, With Possible Exception of Gregory, Expected to Remain in Office.

ALL ARE ASKED TO STAY

Baker May Succeed Attorney General Gregory and Vance McCormick May Become Secretary of War, It is Indicated.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Every member of President Wilson's cabinet, with the possible exception of Attorney General Gregory, is expected to remain in office after March 4, when the President's second term begins. It was learned definitely today that all of them have been or will be asked to keep their posts.

Reports concerning possible resignations have centered chiefly around Secretaries McAdoo, Houston and Baker and the Attorney General. It has been taken for granted that Postmaster General Burleson and Secretaries Lansing, Daniels and Wilson would remain, and indefinite rumors that Secretary Redfield might wish to retire to private business were denied some time ago.

Secretary McAdoo today personally denied that he had any intention of resigning.

Regarding Mr. Houston it became known that the officials of Washington University at St. Louis have extended his leave of absence as chancellor of that institution, so that he can continue as head of the Department of Agriculture.

Although Secretary Baker has been credited with a desire to leave the cabinet, it is learned that in all likelihood he will remain. It is thought, however, that he may be shifted to the Department of Justice, if Mr. Gregory insists on resigning, and that Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, may be placed in charge of the War Department.

In the Attorney General's case the reports about his intention to resign have been very circumstantial, and have been generally accepted by officials as true, although he has given no indication of his intentions. The President has offered Mr. Gregory a seat on the Supreme Court once and should another vacancy occur during the administration, it is thought probable he would be seriously considered again.

MAY BE ULTIMATE SOLUTION OF RAILROAD WAGE PROBLEM

Regulation of Wages by Same Commission That Regulates Rates

New York, Dec. 11.—Regulation of wages by the same commission that regulates rates may be the ultimate solution of the railroad wage problem, according to Elisha Lee, chairman of the National Conference of the Railways, who addressed the Economic club here tonight.

"I am not prepared to say that all wage problems on the railroads should be placed unreservedly in the control of a public commission," said Mr. Lee, "but I do believe that when a controversy between the managements and the men reaches a stage where the interests of the public are imperilled, that then there should be a compulsory peaceful settlement, a judicial settlement that will conserve the public interest as well as the rights of the parties to the controversy."

METHODISTS FAVOR A HOME FOR GIRLS

Conference Ends Annual Session Following a Morning of Interesting Incidents.

APPOINTMENTS ARE READ

Bishop Kilgo Takes Shot at Some Matters Educational and Religious. Protest Against Imported Evangelists Entered.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 11.—The closing session of the 80th annual North Carolina Methodist Conference went on record in favor of the creation of a home for wayward and delinquent girls with religious instruction included in its programme of reform. The resolution was signed by M. T. Plyler, of Grace church, Wilmington, and M. Bradshaw, Edenton Street church, Raleigh. The measure had the unanimous approval of the conference save the proviso of Bishop J. C. Kilgo that he preferred regeneration to reformation.

The session adjourned to meet next year in Greenville, following the reading of the appointments.

The Methodist preachers and laymen voiced a protest against the drafting of every evangelist that might hail from Chicago, Philadelphia or a foreign port. D. H. Tuttle, of Burlington, had requisitioned an evangelist from Chicago to conduct a revival in Alamance county, and his doctrine as exposed to the conference was deemed dangerous. He had expressed from the pulpit faith for the penitent sinner beyond the grave, and from the hotel lobby had given voice to strange doctrines in Methodist communities.

Bishop Kilgo took a round or two in the closing scenes or the conference, with respect to things educational and religious. He condemned the Methodist preacher in North Carolina who attended an institute designed to solve the rural church problem. The Bishop was of the opinion that reproach had been heaped upon Methodism, because "we have no rural church problem."

He then paid tribute to the Methodist itinerant as compared with the "beloved Baptist brethren," which he dared venture had country churches to the percentage of 40 that were not run continuously in the country districts, but, he said, the Methodist church supplies a pastor the year around.

State's Educational System.

The bishop was not exactly pleased with educational affairs in North Carolina and in general terms took them to task. He said the State educational systems were concentrating on the development of communities rather than training the individuals.

"Every state should have one college where earnest work should be pursued and not be harassed by a lot of foolishness," said the presiding officer. Earlier in the conference he had vowed that the captain of the University of North Carolina football team had received more publicity than any college president in the State.

The devotional exercises of the closing day of the conference were conducted by Presiding Elder L. E. Thompson of the Wilmington district, who has been transferred after four years' service. He read the 13th chapter of Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians.

Siler is Promoted.

The T. W. Siler incident was closed when the report of Secretary Willis was read this morning, as the bishop had authorized his advancement to the second year class. Siler was the young preacher from the Fayetteville district who abruptly left the conference to perform a marriage ceremony. The bishop said at the time that anybody who left a Methodist conference to perform a wedding ritual ought to go back and start over. He said a coroner could tie the nuptial knot and that jumping over a broom negotiated the marriage in South Carolina.

C. E. Weatherby, of Faison, lay leader, read the report of lay activities. He called for renewed co-operation from laymen in religious work and said religion that does not prepare for service may save us but will not save others. G. T. Ormond, of Kinston, was elected lay leader for 1917.

The Church Board of Extension, through their spokesman, J. E. Holden, of Rich Square, entered a mild protest against the use of extension funds for other purposes than those designed. The available fund now is $2,585, and the Dukes were thanked for their support of this cause.

Advocate $2 a Year.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate goes to $2 a year and the preacher no longer gets the paper gratis. W. A. Stanbury, of Wilson, offered an amendment, which was accepted, putting his copy at $1 a year. President W. P. Few, of Trinity College, presented the conclusions of the special committee of seven. Their responsibility to bring the Advocate out of financial troubles continues indefinitely.

J. C. Wooten presented the name of A. McCullen, formerly pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Durham, for appointment as United States army chaplain. He is now with the soldiers on the Mexican border and his appointment was sanctioned.

Question 21 was called—"Who are supernumerary"—and these names were read: J. O. Guthrie, Raleigh; F. E. Dixon, Stedman; R. W. Townsend, Raynham; W. H. Townsend, High Point, and D. A. Watkins.

Question 20 was called—"Who are superannuated"—and these names were listed: A. D. Betts, T. J. Browning, G. D. Langston, T. F. Bonner, W. H. Moore, W. H. Kirton, W. A. Forbes, M. A. Smith, P.

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INFORMATION IN CASE OF MARINA FORWARDED

Sent to Berlin for Submission to German Government.

Evidence Gathered by State Department Believed to Present Clear-Cut Violation of German Pledges—Further Steps.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Information assembled at the State Department believed by some officials to present a clear-cut violation of German pledges in the sinking of the British steamer Marina, with the loss of six American lives, has been forwarded to Berlin for submission to the German foreign office.

It was announced at the department today that the evidence had been sent as a matter of courtesy, to allow the imperial government to offer any other facts it may have before the United States takes its next step. Officials indicated also that any move by this government might be delayed until complete information concerning the British liner Arabia, for which Great Britain has been asked, could be sent to Berlin.

In response to inquiries, Germany has admitted the torpedoing without warning of both the Marina and Arabia, stating that her submarine commanders took them for transports and asking the United States to furnish any evidence it might have to the contrary. In the case of the Arabia, Great Britain has been requested to furnish official data to establish whether the Peninsular & Oriental liner was in government service, although all information now at hand indicates that when sent down she was passing through the Mediterranean on a regular voyage with passengers and freight.

As to the Marina, officials regard the case as complete. According to the evidence, while carrying a cargo of horses and other freight, she was torpedoed and sunk without warning 100 miles from shore in a high sea, with no provision for the safety of those on board. Many horse tenders, including six Americans, were lost.

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ernment to energetic and decisive action and to call upon the neutral nations to rally around you."

DEPORTATION MATTER DAILY GROWING "MORE TRAGICAL"

New York, Dec. 11.—The situation affecting the deportation of Belgians by the Germans is "daily more tragical" and the minds of Belgians are turning toward America and President Wilson, according to a cable message received by Pierre Mali, Belgian consul here, from Carton DeWiart, Belgium's minister of justice.

The dispatch, dated yesterday at Havre, was made public today by the committee of citizens which is arranging a meeting for Friday night as a protest against "enslavement of Belgians."

The cable message from Minister DeWiart reads:

"Situation is daily more tragical. Searching and deportation reach with no distinction men wanting work and men wanting none. Workmen are forced away in full labor. It was the case at the quarries on Lessines, in the paper manufactories at Willebroeck, at the metallurgic shops of Boel and Merbe.

No Good-Bye for Wife.

"On white linen collar found on railway of Chenee was a written inscription from a teacher of Mons dragged away during his lessons and begging to give notice to his wife and children. In Nivelles, after having hunted for a thousand men and locked them in railway cars for untold destination, German soldiers went through the streets among the despairing, sobbing women and children singing, 'Floria Victoria.'

"Every single remaining authority in occupied Belgium—clergymen, magistrates, members of parliament, all persons possessed with courage and dignity—heard as we did with deepest feeling what the United States is doing for them. They all turned their minds toward true America and the President so nobly championing liberty."

GERMAN REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE IS HANDED TO CREW

Berlin, Dec. 77—(via London)—The secretary for foreign affairs, Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, today handed to the Secretary of the American embassy, Joseph C. Grew, the German reply to the American representations on the Belgian deportation. This takes the form of a memorandum explaining the German attitude and the reasons which actuated Germany in the removal of civilians from Belgium.

NATION'S PROBLEMS AFTER WAR SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSION

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to its feet with cheers and every mention of the President's name by him and other speakers was the occasion for a demonstration.

In his talk upon the South's mission in the building of the Nation, Congressman Small voiced his conviction that the future of the Republic rests upon the integrity of each individual state and its right to self government. In that connection he said he was unalterably opposed to the enactment of country-wide prohibition and equal suffrage by amendment to the Federal constitution, because these were questions for each state to decide for itself.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels telegraphed the congress tonight that the House committee on Naval Affairs would accompany him here on the Mayflower Wednesday for the review of the Atlantic fleet in Hampton Roads.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 11.—Thomas H. McCoy, Fort Smith, Ark., distiller, was placed on trial here today before Federal Judge Call, on charges of conspiring to defraud the United States government out of many thousand of dollars in internal revenues. Taking evidence in the case started this evening.

The $10,000 Sequel

to "The Diamond From the Sky" starts at Bijou today. Come early.—Adv.

THREE COLLEGES QUIT THE SOUTHERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Because of Decision to Enforce Flat One-Year Rule.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—Tulane University, Mississippi A. & M. and the University of Georgia have withdrawn from membership in the Southern Athletic Conference, according to a statement made here today by Prof. Douglas Sanderson, Tulane's representative at the meetings of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the conference in Charleston last week. The three institutions withdrew, Professor Anderson said, because of the conference's decision to enforce the flat one-year residence rule.

Almost all of the schools have practically completed their 1917 football schedules, said Professor Anderson, and the enforcement of the one-year rule would have necessitated a readjustment.

The resignations, he said, were presented at an executive session of the conference at Charleston, just before adjournment and no formal announcement was made by the officials there. Withdrawal of the three schools, it was stated, left the conference with five members—Clemson, Georgia Tech, South Carolina, Tennessee and Auburn.

EIGHT-HOUR TEST CASE IS ADVANCED TO JANUARY 8TH

To Be Decided by Supreme Court in Time for Congress to Act

Washington, Dec. 11.—Determination by the Supreme Court of the constitutionality of the Adamson law in time for Congress to enact any desired supplementary legislation at this season was regarded as assured today when the court advanced the test case for argument on January 8.

The court granted the government's motion to expedite the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad case, in which Federal Judge Hook held the Adamson act void. Hearings were set for immediately after the Christmas holidays and ahead of all other important cases already assigned for January 8.

There had been some hope of having the case heard before Christmas, as the Adamson act becomes effective January 1. All interests are believed to be conserved pending the court's decision, however. Special accounts of wages due employees under the law will be kept and all other litigation will be held in abeyance by agreement between the government and the railroads until the decision is given.

DEATH AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

W. L. Morgan, of Laurel Hill, Student, Passes in College Infirmary.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Davidson, N. C., Dec. 11.—Many friends and relatives of W. L. Morgan, of Laurel Hill, N. C., who entered college this year as a member of the class of '20, will be grieved to hear of his death which occurred this morning at an early hour at the college infirmary. During the Thanksgiving season Morgan contracted a case of pneumonia, which caused his sad death this morning. This is the first member of the student body to pass away in several years and the sympathy of the entire student body goes out to the bereaved kindred and friends. The body was taken to an undertaker in Charlotte this morning and will be sent to his home in Laurel Hill as soon as possible.

WARNINGS TO ENTENTE SHIPS CONTINUE TO BE SENT OUT

Advising Sharp Watch for Strange Steamer Believed to Be Raider.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 11.—Warnings for British and other Entente vessels throughout the South Atlantic and eastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico to keep sharp watch for a strange steamer, thought to be a German raider, are being sent out by day and night by British cruisers and by shore stations in the British West Indies. Wireless messages picked up here today described the suspected craft as a vessel with two funnels and a straight stern.

The warning message, it was said, was very brief and was followed by another in a secret code, although the warning itself was not coded. It was said the warning was being repeated from three to four times day and night.

UNITED STATES TRANSPORT AGROUND IN A HEAVY FOG

The Sumner Sending Out Sos Calls for Assistance Last Night

New York, Dec. 11.—The United States transport Sumner, bound from Colon for New York, was aground in a heavy fog off Barnegat, N. J., tonight according to a wireless message received here. The Sumner sent "SOS" call for assistance and several steamships in the vicinity responded.

The Sumner sailed from Colon December 4. She carried passengers, mails and mercnandise, and is a vessel of 3,458 tons gross. She is commanded by Captain Webber.

PREMIER LLOYD-GEORGE ILL

Was Unable to Go to Buckingham Palace Yesterday

London, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd-George is ill and was unable to go to Buckingham Palace today with members of his cabinet to receive the seals of office from King George.

Official announcement was made that the Premier was suffering from a severe chill and that on the advice of his physicians he was remaining indoors today.

TEUTONS CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS

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of paper money unless it is marked as German, for which 30 per cent of the value of the notes is demanded. A similar contribution of 15 per cent amounting to 2,000,000 pounds sterling, has been exacted from Craiova."

SESSION OF REICHSTAG TODAY OF "HISTORICAL" IMPORTANCE

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 11.—Berlin correspondents of the Dutch newspapers emphasize the importance of the session of the Reichstag which will be held tomorrow, and which they characterize as "the most remarkable since the outbreak of the war and of world-wide historical importance."

All the members of the Reichstag, even those in the fighting line, have been summoned to Berlin by telegraph.

Ithaca, N. Y. Dec. 11.—Fritz Shrivericki Cornell's star quarterback, tonight was elected captain of the 1917 Cornell football team.

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to "The Diamond From the Sky" starts at Bijou today. Come early.—Adv.

Xmas Preparation Week

The Week When Every Wise Person Is Going to do His or Her Shopping—Next Week Comes the Rush, the Very Thing You Want to Avoid. So This Week Is the One Golden Opportunity. Our Sales Force Is Amply Adequate to Wait on All Who Come. Do Not Delay Another Day. Come Early This Morning.

New Novelties Every Day

Every express brings us some new Christmas novelty and these are being placd on sale just as fast as they arrive.

Some of them go so fast that they hardly get placed in stock at all. You want to watch our counters every day. We don't have a chance to advertise all the new things we get.

Today We Show New

Crepe deChine Handkerchiefs, Initial Handkerchiefs, Broadcloth Collars, Ribbons, Toilet and Manicure Sets, Golf Gloves, Jewelries, Mesh Bags, Hand Bags, Ivory Goods, etc., all of which are much wanted. Come this morning.

Toys are Being Rapidly Sold

We can only advise you that our supply of high-grade toys is rapidly being exhausted and it is now too late for us to get more. We are sorry we will not have enough to go around, but we fear this will be the case. So if you have not made your purchases, do so row or just as early as possible.

New Curtains for Christmas

We have just received big shipment of Lace, Net and Scrim Curtains. All the newest patterns. Price **$1.48** to **$6.00** per pair.

Third floor.

Tuesday Morning Special

Men's $6.00 Bath Robe and Slipper Sets, each, set in Holiday Box, morning price.. **$4.98**

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Every young woman can be made glad by being the recipient of a set of our beautiful Furs. Furs were never more stylish than today and the ones we are showing just now are of extra good quality, especially suited for gifts.

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December Clearance of Coats and Suits

Continues and is rapidly exhausting our great stock. If you want a new coat or suit for this season you will have to come early.

Morning Shopping lightens Labors of Salespeople

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

Christmas Buying is best done in the Morning

APPOINTMENTS FOR CAROLINA CONFERENCE READ BY THE BISHOP

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ton; Hamlet, M. H. Tuttle; Laurel Hill circuit, G. T. Simmons; Laurinburg, R. F. Bumpass; Lumberton, W. B. North; Lumberton circuit, G. H. Biggs; Maxton, A. L. Ormond; Mount Gilead, N. C. Yearby; Mount Gilead circuit, W. F. Trawick; Montgomery circuit, R. L. Beasley, supply; Raeford circuit, J. T. Draper; Red Springs, A. J. Parker; Richmond circuit, E. F. Watson, supply; Roberdel circuit, E. L. Hill; Robeson circuit, B. E. Stanfield; Rockingham, G. F. Smith; Rowland circuit, A. J. Groves; St. John and Gibson, W. H. Brown; St. Paul circuit, A. S. Parker and Regan; Troy and Biscoe, C. R. Ross; Vass circuit, J. M. Benson; Conference Evangelist, L. L. Nash; President Carolina College, R. B. John.

Warrenton District—President Elder, L. E. Thompson; Battleboro and Whitakers, L. B. Pattishall; Bertie circuit, L. D. Hayman; Conway circuit, E. E. Rose; Enfield and Halifax, E. D. Ross; Garysburg circuit, R. W. Bailey; Harrelsville circuit, L. M. Chaffin; Henderson, First church, R. C. Beaman; North and South Henderson, W. G. Lowe; Littleton, A. P. Tyer; Murfreesboro and Winton, N. M. Wright; Northhampton circuit, E. H. Davis; Rich Square circuit, J. E. Holden; Ridgeway circuit, W. C. Merritt; Roanoke circuit, William Lowe; Roanoke Rapids, G. S. Bearden; Rosemary circuit, A. H. Andrews; Scotland Neck, B. F. McCall; Warren circuit, Marvin Self; Warrenton circuit, R. H. Broom; Weldon, F. M. Shamburger; Williamston and Hamilton, H. M. Eure;

Littleton Female College, President, J. M. Rhodes; Missionary to Japan, J. W. Frank.

Fayetteville District—Presiding Elder, J. T. Gibbs; Bladen circuit, J. A. Tharpe; Buckhorn circuit, W. W. Dargan; Carthage circuit, N. E. Coltrane; Dunn, J. A. Hornady; Duke, W. L. Maness; Elise, J. L. Midgett; Fayetteville, Hay Street, J. D. Bundy; Person Street and Calvary, L. H. Joyner; Fayetteville circuit, W. F. Craven.

Goldston circuit, N. M. McDonald; Haw River circuit, G. W. Perry; Jonesboro circuit, T. H. Sutton; Lillington circuit, J. A. Morris; Newton Grove circuit, T. W. Siler; Parkton circuit, H. B. Porter; Pittsboro circuit, P. E. Woodall; Roseboro circuit, H. E. Lance; Sanford, W. R. Royall; Siler City circuit, C. W. Robinson; Stedman, W. E. Brown.

New Bern District—Presiding Elder, J. B. Hurley; Beaufort, Frank Culbreth; Carteret circuit, C. H. Caviness; Craven circuit, J. W. Autry; Dover circuit, F. B. Noblitt; Elm Street and Princeton, C. A. Jones; Goldsboro, St. John, R. G. L. Edwards; St. Paul, A. D. Wilcox; Goldsboro circuit, W. A. Piland; Clifton circuit, H. M. Jackson; Hookerton circuit, J. W. Bradley; Jones circuit, C. T. Rogers; Kinston, Queen Street, H. A. Humble; Caswell Street, E. N. Harrison; LaGrange circuit, K. F. DuVal; Morehead City, D. N. Caviness; Mount Olive circuit, R. E. Pittman; Mount Olive and Faison, J. M. Wright; New Bern, Centenary, E. H. McWhorter; Riverside and Bridgeton, H. B. Hill; Ocracoke and Portsmouth, John W. Hoyle; Oriental circuit, J. P. Bross; Pamlico circuit, R. L. Carraway; Snow Hill circuit, C. D. Durant; Vandemere circuit, E. C. Durham; Conference Missionary secretary, N. H. D. Wilson.

Durham District—Presiding Elder, J. C. Wooten; Burlington, D. H. Tuttle; Burlington circuit, W. F. Galloway; Carboro station, C. C. Alexander, supply; East Burlington, R. E. Atkins; Chapel Hill, Walter Patten; East Roxboro, J. L. Shaw, supply.

Durham—Branson, O. I. Hinson; Calvary, J. H. Frizzell; Lakewood, D. E. Earnhardt; Memorial, H. M. North; Trinity, C. J. Harrell; West Durham, W. C. Martin; Durham circuit, H. C. Smith.

Graham, H. E. Myers; Hillsboro circuit, T. M. Grant; Leesburg circuit, J. A. Martin; Mebane circuit, B. F. Broom; Milton circuit, J. E. Blalock; Mount Tirzah circuit, J. J. Broome; Orange and Massey, J. R. Edwards, supply; Pelcham circuit, L. L. Smith; Pearl Mill, B. C. Dixon; Person circuit, J. A. Daley; Rougemont, Len Hall; Roxboro, O. W. Dowd; South Alamance, N. B. Strickland; Yanceyville, S. F. Nicks.

Professor Biblical literature, Trinity College, W. W. Peele; Conference evangelist, E. C. Glenn.

Elizabeth City District—Presiding Elder, G. T. Adams; Camden circuit, E. L. Stack; Chowan circuit, J. A. Russell; Columbia circuit, M. F. Hodges; Currituck circuit, D. A. Futrell; Dare circuit, M. D. Cox; East Lake, W. R. Hardesty, supply; Edenton, W. A. Cade; Elizabeth City, City Road, C. B. Culbreth; First church, J. L. Cuninggim; Gates circuit, C. W. Fisher Hatteras circuit, F. A. Lupton; Hertford, J. M. Ormond; Kennekeet circuit, A. W. Price; Kitty Hawk circuit, J. F. Usry; Moyock circuit, M. W. Hester; North Gates, V. A. Royall; Pasquotank circuit, Rufus Bradley; Pantego and Belhaven, S. A. Nettles; Perquimans circuit, W. L. Lay; Plymouth, B. T. Hurley; Roanoke Island, J. C. Humble; Roper, N. L. Seabolt.

Transfers—From Oklahoma conference, C. K. Proctor; to St. Louis conference, J. M. Culbreth, to Western North Carolina conference, J. E. B. Houser.

FINANCIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROHIBITION ARE REPLIED TO.

By Rev. Charles Stelzle Before Federal Council of Churches.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 11.—A reply to the financial arguments advanced in opposition to prohibition was given at the Federal Council of Churches of Christ here tonight by Rev. Charles Stelzle, field secretary of the council.

"The average working man fears being out of a job more than he does going to hell," Rev. Mr. Stelzle said. "The liquor interests have capitalized upon this fear.

"If the money now invested in the liquor business were invested in the average American industry it would give employment for four times as many working men, who collectively would receive four times as much in the form of wages, and four times as much raw material would be required as is now the case in the liquor business."

Paris, Dec. 11.—The French steamer Saint Phillippe, 3,419 tons, has been sunk, according to a dispatch to the Havas agency from Havre. The dispatch adds that two of the crew were killed while the vessel was being shelled. The captain and five members of the crew have just arrived at Havre.

Rockland, Me, Dec. 11—The United States oil supply ship Kanawa arrive, today from Mare Island, California, to begin her official acceptance trials over the Rockland course.

Don't get up at night. Drink the celebrated Shivar Mineral Water. Positively guaranteed by money-back offer. Tastes fine costs a trifle. Delivered anywhere by our Wilmington Agents, Elvington's Pharmacy Cor. 2nd and Princess Streets. Phone them

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SCOTT'S EMULSION DRIVES OUT COLDS

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Effective Monday, September 11th, 1916, Southern Railway announces the present Winston-Salem-Beaufort-Morehead City Pullman Sleeping Car line will be shortened to Winston-Salem-Goldsboro. Pullman Sleeping Car line. This car will leave Winston-Salem at 8:50 P. M. same as at present, and arrive Goldsboro following morning, returning car will leave Goldsboro 10:35 P. M., arriving Winston-Salem following morning.

Present Greensboro-Raleigh Pullman Sleeping Car line will continue to operate.

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THEATRICAL

Today the Bijou will house the greatest crowds who have ever attended that big theatre in a single day. The reason for this prediction is the fact that the "Diamond From the Sky", while it was running broke all house attendance records there, and the further reason that today begins the presentation to the sequel to that great serial, the story of which $10,000 was paid for at the conclusion of the serial proper some months ago.

The sequel to "The Diamond from the Sky" stars all those great favorites who starred in the original production—popular William Russell, beautiful Charlotte Burton, talented William Tedmarsh, funny Orral Humphreys—all together again with the addition of that talented dramatic star, Thomas Chatterton, and beautiful Rhea Mitchell. It is an entirely new story, tremendously thrilling, powerfully dramatic, superbly photographed and enacted by the very best cast obtainable. It will also reveal the winner of the $10,000 prize for the first time.

There has never previously been offered a motion picture drama that combined so many of the elements of popularity as does this latest adventurous story. Shrouded rows of dead lying stark in the glare of the burning wreck, the removal of injured from smashed cars, the picturesque gypsies of the Romany Quabba's band at their rescue work and the dark shadows of the surrounding forest, combine to form a spectacle that lingers in the memory but does not lessen interest in the ghoulish activities of the villain, De Vaux, whose efforts to dispose of little Arthur Stanley, heir to an English estate and possessor of The Diamond from the Sky", are carried on amid the horrors of the railway disaster.

Irene Fenwick at Grand.

That exquisite emotional artiste, Irene Fenwick, who is even now every night packing them in at one of Broadway's biggest theatres, with her appearance in the leading role of A. H. Wood's great success, "The Guilty Man," in which she is creating a sensation, comes to the Grand today in her very greatest screen interpretation as the leading star in the Metro wonderplay, "The Child of Destiny," in which she has a role similar to that which she played on the Broadway stage last season in "The Song of Songs" that of a hoydenish girl who donned boy's apparel.

"The Child of Destiny" is a thrilling story of mother pitted against daughter, and frankly portrays a story that should be seen by every mother and daughter in Wilmington.

The story is built about Alita, a wild, unruly girl who lives in the swamps under the care of the Putnams. She has become old enough for an education so Judge Gates, her guardian, is sent for. He arrives bringing Bog Stange, his friend, who has just made a foolish marriage with Constance, an adventuress. Alita with her youthful impulse immediately falls in love with the latter. The judge takes her to the house of a friend to be educated but her mischievous ways prove too annoying. He then takes her to a summer hotel where by accident Constance is staying. When Alita learns of Bob's marriage she is broken hearted and returns to her old home in the swamps. The judge tells Constance that Alita is her own daughter, whom she believed dead. Mother love springs up within her and realizing that her existence will ruin her daughter's future happiness she commits suicide. The story closes with the happiness of Bob and Alita.

"Maid to Order."

Three acts of mirth, music and melody characterizes the musical comedy, "Maid to Order," which will be the attraction at the Academy of Music, matinee and night on next Saturday. It will be presented by a clever cast of comedians, singers and dancers, including Rose Bott, Sadie Stembler, Harry Macdonough, Jr., Jack MacClellan and the famous Russell sisters. A complete and beautiful scenic production is carried by the attraction. The book and lyrics were written by Frederick Chipman, who has a number of successes to his credit, while the music is by James W. Castle and Theodore Stearns, both of whom have written alluring, tuneful numbers.

The matinee prices are 35 cents for balcony seats; 50 cents for lower floor seats and 25 cents for children to any seat. Tickets will go on sale Thursday morning at Elvington's Pharmacy.

"Sweethearts" Company.

Victor Herbert's charming operetta, "Sweethearts", with the lilting melodies that heralded it as one of the famous composer's most sincere efforts, is soon to be heard in this city with a company of 60 artists, many of whom are familiar to the residents. No happier quartette could be brought together than Victor Herbert, Harry B. Smith, Robert B. Smith and Fred De Gresac, who are responsible for the book of the play and with a capable company headed by Julia Gifford, the playing of "Sweethearts" in this city should prove one of the theatrical events of the season.

Although "Sweethearts" registered a most emphatic hit in New York, the company has never played this section of the country and the demands from local play-lovers was so great that Mr. Herbert finally consented to arrange a road tour for this season.

The authors have woven a charming story around Victor Herbert's music and love's old sweet song will be heard in all its intrinsic purity when the delightful prima donna, Julia Gifford, and her capable supporting company present the Herbert masterpiece in this city.

The scenic investiture will be in keeping with the magnitude of the production and the company will carry its own orchestra of solo musicians to interpret the sweet merodies that made Victor Herbert really proud of his work.

"Sweethearts" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music tomorrow, matinee and night. The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1.50. Night prices will range from 75 cents to $2. Tickets are now selling at Elvingston's Pharmacy.

Casino Girls Company

John R. Casino Girls Company opened a week's engagement at the Victoria yesterday and was witnessed by capacity crowds last night, and received many generous rounds of applause from the crowds who seemed to appreciate the work of this aggregation of musical comedy and vaudeville artists

The cast is headed by Bill Bailey in the chief comedy role, who does some good work as Mr. Murphy in "The Honeymooners" the opening play, supported by Albert Hassan, Billy Morell, and the balance of the company.

The big chorus with this company is one of the outstanding features, consisting of seven pretty girls, with some nifty, novel and neat costumes. Their dancing is on a par with the best usually seen in such organizations and the different numbers received generous applause. Lottie McCree, a leading lady wore some nifty gowns and carried off her part well, as did the balance of the ladies.

Probably the best act of the show was the acrobatic work of Ben Hassan, who did some really good handsprings and other acrobatics. The same show will be presented for the last time today.

The $10,000 Sequel.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSION FARES
Between all points on the ATLANTIC COAST LINE
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Also to practically every point in the Southeast, including Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans. Tickets will be sold

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A Group of Artistic Dancers With Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts" Academy, Matinee and Night on next Wednesday.

HE IS JOYFUL FOR COMING CHRISTMAS AND EXPLAINS WHY

J. G. Derr Inspired By Advent of Yuletide and Extends Happy Greetings.

Remember some years back you "believed" in Santa Claus? Is it not a pleasure to recall now, about this time of the year, you were devoting much time and paper on that big letter to Santa? Then, a few days later you would ask Mother, of if old enough, count for yourself the number of hours that must pass before you would learn whether Santa had forgotten or had deposited unexpected joys in your stocking over the fireplace. It is a similar feeling of keen expectancy that John G. Derr has. He is no longer a firm believer in Santa Claus, for years have elapsed since he lay awake in bed on Christmas Eve with hope of hearing Saint Nicholas "come down the chimney." Mr. Derr is a leading business man of Goldsboro.

But, Mr. Derr is more anxious for the coming Yuletide than he has ever been. The strange feature of Mr. Derr's anticipation is that he already is aware of his Christmas prize. It is a restoration of health. What more could any human ask?

On the table at which Mr. Derr will be seated for his Christmas dinner there will be, besides the turkey and "trimmings," a bottle of Tanlac. To relatives and friends it was known that Mr. Derr was, for a number of years, a victim of indigestion. He suffered intensely after eating, lost in weight and began to fear when various remedies failed to help him.

Finally Mr. Derr heard of Tanlac and decided to give it a trial. That was some weeks ago. Recently, in acclaiming Tanlac, Mr. Derr said: "Tanlac has done me so much good—I have gained 12 pounds and am just on my second bottle, I can eat anything for indigestion and constipation are gone—and I feel that to one who suffers as I did, Tanlac would make a Christmas gift ideal."

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Tanlac is sold in Wilmington by the Bellamy Drug Store; Burgaw, C. L. Halstead; Southport, Watson's Pharmacy; Rocky Point, A. N. Rhodes; Supply, G. W. Kirby; New Bern, Bradham Drug Co.; Magnolia, W. L. Southall; Faison, Faison Drug Co.; Pembroke, G. W. Locklear; Snow Hill, J. T. H. Harper; Vineland, R. B. McRoy & Co.; Whiteville, J. A. McNeill & Son; Verona, G. K. Humphrey; Fair Bluff, J. P. Waddell; Council, Squires-Hobbs-Grimsley Co.; Ash, L. M. Todd. Each town has its Tanlac dealer. (Adv.)

State of North Carolina.
County of New Hanover.
In the Superior Court.

Annie E. Sadgwar, F. C. Sadgwar, Jr., her husband; Charity R. Miller; Carlotta R. Miller; Lula Miller Poe, Elijah E. Poe, her husband; Susie Miller Cotton, Jos. E. Cotton, her husband; Reid Miller, Thomas C. Miller, Alex Miller and Earnestine Miller, minors, by their next friend John L. Taylor, vs.
Roscoe Miller.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled special proceedings, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 22nd day of December, 1916, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door in New Hanover County, expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash all of the twenty tracts of land, which are bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Description:

First Tract: Beginning at a point 150 feet west from the west side of Ninth street at a distance of 66 feet south from the southern line of Castle street; thence Southwardly and parallel with Ninth Street, 33 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Castle Street 33 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Ninth Street 33 feet; thence eastwardly 33 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot .... in block 80 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Second Tract: Beginning on the south side of Castle Street at a point 70 feet east from the southeastern intersection of Ninth and Castle Streets; thence southwardly and parallel with Ninth street 89 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Castle Street 52 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Ninth Street 89 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with the said south side of Castle Street 52 feet to the point of beginning, the same being part of lot 1 in block 81 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Third Tract: Beginning at the northeast intersection of Queen and Eleventh Streets thence in a northern direction along the eastern line of Eleventh Street 66 feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with the northern line of Queen street 165 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with the eastern line of Eleventh Street 66 feet to the northern line of Queen street; thence along said northern line of Queen Street westwardly 165 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot 6 in block 83 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N .C.

Fourth Tract: Beginning at the northwest intersection of Queen and Twelfth Streets, thence in a northwardly direction along the western line of Twelfth Street 66 feet; thence in a westwardly direction in a line parallel with the northern line of Queen Street 125 feet; thence in a southwardly direction in a line parallel with the said line of Twelfth Street 66 feet to the northern line of Queen Street eastwardly 125 feet to the point of the beginning, the same being part of lot 6 in block 83 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Fifth Tract: Beginning at a point in the Northern line of Castle Street 99 feet east of the eastern line of Eleventh Street; thence east with said northern line of Castle Street 33 feet; thence north and parallel with Eleventh Street 99 feet; thence west and parallel with Castle street 33 feet; thence south and parallel with Eleventh Street 99 feet to the beginning, the same being parts of lots 5 and 6 in block 97.

Sixth Tract: Beginning at the intersection of the southeast corner of Ann and Wilson Streets; thence running eastwardly along the southern line of Ann Street 33 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Wilson Street 132 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Ann Street 33 feet to Wilson street; thence along Wilson Street northwardly 132 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot .. in block 119 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Seventh Tract: Beginning in the eastern line of Tenth Street at a point one hundred and fifty-three (153) feet southwardly from Dock Street and running thence southwardly along the line of Tenth street 30 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Dock Street 75 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Tenth Street 30 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Dock Street 75 feet to Tenth Street the point of beginning, the same being part of lot 3 in Block 148 according to the official plan of the city of Wilmington, N. C.

Eighth Tract: Beginning in the western line of Sixth Street at a point 132 feet northwardly from its intersection with the Northern line of Mulberry Street 33 feet; thence westwardly with Mulberry street 82 1-2 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Sixth Street 33 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Mulberry Street 82 1-2 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot 3 in block 208 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C. This tract subject to dower interest of Annie E. Sadgwar.

Ninth Tract: Beginning at the southeastern intersection or Rankin and Bay Streets, and running thence along the line of Rankin Street eastwardly 34 feet more or less to the ground of Julia Mosley; thence southwardly and parallel with Bay Street 72.6 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Rankin Street 34 feet more or less to the eastern line of Bay Street; thence northwardly on Bay Street 72.6 feet to Rankin Street to the beginning, the same being parts of lots 1 and 2 in block 229 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Tenth Tract: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Harnett Street 99 feet eastwardly from the southeast intersection of Harnett and Seventh streets; thence eastwardly along the said southern line of Harnett Street 33 feet; thence southwardly 132 feet; thence westwardly 33 feet; thence northwardly 132 feet to the point of beginning, the same being parts of lots 1 and 2 in block 296 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C. This tract subject to dower interest of Annie E. Sadgwar.

Eleventh Tract: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh Street 157 feet southwardly from the southeastern intersection of Harnett and Seventh Streets, and running thence with the eastern line of Seventh Street southwardly (31) feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Harnett Street 81 feet; thence north 28 1-2 west 33 1-6 feet; thence west and parallel with Harnett Street 69 feet to the eastern line of Seventh Street, to the beginning, the same being part of lot .... in block 296 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Twelfth Tract: Beginning in the western line of an avenue running through block 326 at a point 132 feet southwardly from the southern line of Nixon street, and thence southwardly along said line of said avenue 23 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Nixon Street 75 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with said avenue 23 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Nixon Street 75 feet to the beginning in the western line of said avenue, sometimes called McRae Street, the same being parts of lots 2 and 3 in block 326 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Thirteenth Tract: Beginning in the western line of Eighth street 100 feet from its intersection with the northern line of Swann Street; thence northwardly along the said western line of Eighth Street 50 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Swann Street 50 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Eighth Street 50 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Swann Street 50 feet to the beginning the same being part of lot 3 in block 326 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Fourteenth Tract: Beginning in the line of west side of an alley and running through Block 327 from Nixon to Swann Street at a point 60 feet southwardly from its intersection with line of south side of Nixon Street, and runs thence southwardly and parallel with Nixon Street 75 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with alley 60 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Nixon Street 75 feet; thence north 60 feet to the beginning, the same being parts of lots 1 and 2 in block 327 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Fifteenth Tract: Beginning in the southern line of Dock Street at a point 150 feet eastwardly from its intersection with the eastern line of Thirteenth Street, running thence eastwardly along said line of Dock Street 30 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Thirteenth Street 60 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Dock Street 30 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Thirteenth Street 20 feet to the point of beginning, the same being part of lot 1 in block 490 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Sixteenth Tract: Beginning at a point in the western line of Sixth Street 66 feet south of the intersection of said line of Sixth Street with the southern line of Marstellar Street, and runs southwardly with said line of Sixth Street 33 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with the said Marstellar Street 160 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Sixth Street 33 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Marstellar Street 160 feet to the western line of Sixth Street to the beginning, the same being part of lot 2 in block 540 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Seventeenth Tract: Being in Federal Point Township, County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina.

Beginning at John Williams corner and running along Williams line west 174 poles to a bunch of small oaks, Williams other corner on the back line; thence north 40 poles to a stake in a large swamp; thence east 174 poles to a stake in the sound; thence along the sound to the beginning, containing 40 acres more or less.

Eighteenth Tract: Being in Harnett Township, County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, and being one-half of that certain lot or parcel of land on Wrightsville Sound; to-wit: one-half of the land conveyed to Mary Jane Martin by O. G. Parsley, Trustee of Sarah Jane Brady recorded in book W.W.W., page 513, 514 containing one acre and being the southern half of said land and the same being lot No. 6 on a plot made by Roderick MacRae's survey of said land.

Nineteenth Tract: Beginning at a stake on the south side of the Wilmington and Sea-coast Road, runs thence southwardly and at right angles with said road 208 11-100 feet to a stake; thence eastwardly and parallel with the Wilmington said Road 208 11-100 feet to a stake on the Road; thence with the said Road westwardly 208 11-100 feet to the point of beginning.

Twentieth Tract: Beginning at a point on Beasley line where the old Brunswick Road and the Watson Branch Road leading to Masonboro sound intersects; thence westwardly along southern line of said Masonboro Road 350 yards to a stake; thence southwardly and parallel with the old Brunswick Road 350 yards to a stake; thence eastwardly and at right angles to Old Brunswick Road 350 yards to the western line of said Old Brunswick Road 350 yards to the beginning, containing about 25 acres.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Sorrow is Mount Sinai, where one may talk with God face to face if he will not be afraid of the thunder and lightning. Suffering is remedial when rightly received.
—DR. JAMES MUDGE

Only 20 days of 1916 left!

When we take chances we never get much.

What is Wilmington's plan for development?

Anyhow, the high price of shoes is a skin game.

Everybody down south is prepared to discount the Penrose bill.

We ought to do more for Wilmington next year than we did this year.

No town can live on itself. It is compelled to have territorial trade. No nation can live on itself. It is compelled to have international trade.

Greece's leading newspaper editor is a woman. She is Madame Jeannie Stephonopoli, and she is admittedly the ablest and most brilliant writer on the daily press of the kingdom. She edits the Messager, published in Athens.

Lots of people who want to get into war don't know what it is till they get in. Rumania is not the only country that went to war under the impression that the time had come to get the credit for helping to whip somebody.

Those who object to the noise and clatter of the industries of a busy city, because it disturbs their rest, must mistake the city for a resort instead of a center of thrift. They don't need a residence in the city. They ought to want a rural home.

The proposition to incorporate Billy Sunday and pay him a stated salary would be better for the corporation than it would be for Ma. Sunday. As it is now, Mrs. Billy looks after Billy's health and everything that is coming to the marvelous evangelist.

Well, whether Fayetteville gets that armor plate plant or not, there are quite a number of worthwhile people beyond the borders of North Carolina who have learned exactly where and what the upper Cape Fear metropolis is. They never would have known if the city hadn't gone after that plant. Fayetteville at least made 'em sit up and take notice.

If Colonel Roosevelt goes to the Fiji Islands, he need not bother about taking much of anything but shirts. At least, Bill Nye once visited the Fijians and he found out that when they got up in the morning they did not bother about such a conventional thing as clothes. On certain state occasions, however, the big bugs considered it proper to stick a postage stamp in the middle of their foreheads in order to make others envious of them.

Monsieur Markoff, a deputy of the Russian Duma, during a debate called the president of that august body, Michael Rodzianko, "a babbling blackguard". Rodzianko challenged Markoff to fight a duel, but the Duma president's seconds decided that their man should not so belittle himself as to fight Markoff, since the Octoberist party, to which the deputy belongs, and all other parties, decided to ostracise Markoff. The deputy has explained that his aim in calling the president "a babbling blackguard" was to insult the Duma. Well, the Duma got so insulted that it considered Markoff such a blithering specimen of commonality that Monsieur president was too proud to fight a fellow so far beneath his dignity. Having been ostracised for shooting off his mouth, possibly his wife will quit him unless he restores himself to respect by being so brave as to commit suicide and end it all.

CLOSE OF THE WAR WILL NOT HURT THE SOUTH

The beginning of the war in Europe paralyzed business in the whole of America, but as soon as a readjustment of conditions came about the country entered upon a period of prosperity. Strange to say now, thousands of people in this country actually fear that depression will follow the war. According to Col. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers Record, as quoted by the Greensboro News, whatever other sections of the country may properly fear in the way of an industrial slump, should the war end in the near future, the South should experience no uneasiness. Colonel Edmonds spent Friday night in Greensboro, acompanied by his wife, and to a representative of the News he said:

"The general business conditions of the south were never so good, with cotton selling at 20 cents, the section will this year receive the hold-over and the year's crop more than $1,500,000,000, or nearly $500,000,000 more than the south ever before received for cotton in any one year. Nearly 4,000,000 bales of it will be manufactured in the southern mills and the value of the manufactured product, together with the cotton oil and other by-products, will exceed $500,000,000, so that the cotton and cotton products this year will give the south a total of more than $2,000,000,000.

"In contrast, two years ago cotton was going begging at five and six cents a pound. This condition marks the most revolutionary change ever experienced in cotton trade in a two-year period.

"In the iron, steel and coal business prices have advanced as remarkably as in cotton. Coal mines from West Virginia to Texas are pushed to their full capacity by the demand for coal and are still unable to supply that demand. In iron and steel the situation is equally as strong and pig iron manufacturers are selling in the future as late as for delivery the later part of next year, at $23 to $24 a ton in Birmingham and in Virginia at still higher prices. The demand far exceeds the supply. A year ago southern made pig iron was hardly salable at $10 a ton.

"The south is now getting through the activity in cotton, iron, steil and coal a share in the unequalled prosperity the west and north have enjoyed for 18 months by reason of the enormous demand for war supplies. When the war is over the south will have a still greater opportunity for prosperity, for the demand for cotton will be even greater then and the demand for lumber, naval stores and phosphate rock will be in keeping with the great demand for iron and steel. This section need not suffer in business interests from any reaction which may come at the end of the war, except in a few industries. But as the war will probably last two or three years longer, at least. I see no possible sign that during that time for anything but unprecedented prosperity, with Europe buying every surplus ton of metals and foodstuffs we can produce. And the demand for cotton products will continue to be sufficient to keep up the high prices, war or no war."

Colonel Edmonds is one of this country's fore-thoughted economists, and no man is better qualified than he to speak with special reference to the after effects of the war on the south. His reasons why the south has nothing to fear are based upon the soundest logic. The Star agrees with him about every word he said at Greensboro.

Some of the war industries up north will suffer from the cessation of war, as a matter of course, but the end of war will be better for the whole country from an economic as well as a humane standpoint. Doubtless there will be price readjustments, but where prices for both sellers and buyers decline in relative proportion, lower prices will be just as profitable as high prices that are relative as to what is sold and bought. What the south will have to sell after the war, however, is more than apt to keep up in price, and possibly may increase because of the greater demand—especially so far as cotton is concerned.

RALEIGH TALKING PACKING HOUSE

Raleigh has been talking about establishing a packing house industry for some time and it seems that the Chamber of Commerce of that city has done more than talk. The Raleigh Times of Sunday states that at the quarterly smoker of the Chamber of Commerce to take place tonight, the packing house matter will be taken up for special consideration. The Raleigh boosters regard it as "the greatest opportunity offered to Raleigh for years, in a commercial way."

Some time ago, the Raleigh Chamber sent a special committee to Moultrie, Ga., to investigate the packing house there and to note the result of that enterprise in promoting the livestock industry throughout South Georgia. That committee was composed of C. B. Barbee, E. C. Duncan, Dan T. Gray, and President John A. Park, of the Chamber. They will report at the smoker tonight.

The Times gives it out that this packing house question will not "drag" at that meeting, as former President J. M. Barr, of the Seaboard Air Line, is actively supporting it and is expected to be present to help push it along. We have heretofore noted that it was a good thing for North Carolina to have acquired such a progressive man as Mr. Barr as an active participant in the development of this State. He has become largely interested in North Carolina enterprises and it seems that he is going to be a full fledged North Carolinian. He sees the great opportunities here and has come to seize what he sees.

The cost of distribution is what gets a consumer's goat. It also prevents many communities from developing as they should. Communities, like individuals, must have opportunities if they expect to succeed.

MONEY HAS GONE UP.

Yes, they tell us that money does not bring happiness, but, for that matter, poverty doesn't either. Money does bring comforts, while poverty brings discomforts, so a fellow can worry along with money better than he can with poverty. Money is your friend when nobody else is, so people ought to appreciate money for its usefulness. We needn't love it, but we surely ought to lavish enough appreciation on it to hang on to it for a rainy day.

Lots of things are said about and against money, but lots of things blamed on money ought to be blamed on those of us who have money and don't know what to do with it. They say money makes a fool of some people, but it is reasonable to suspect that it is only the potential means which enables folks to make fools of themselves. People with more money than brains certainly bring a lot of disgrace on the circulation medium.

Money has been the cheapest thing in this country—so they say—but Wall Street now reports that money is higher than usual. Well, we are not going to boycott money on that account, but when we are almost gone up maybe it is an indication that money has boycotted us. If there is the least doubt about any of these alleged facts, give money the doubt and let us hold the stakes for you till you get Christmas out of your bones.

Moral: Stick to your money, because it is not going to stick to you. When the price of money goes up, the price of other things will come down. People have quit spending money like it was cheap.

ONLY REMEDY IS A BOYCOTT.

We hardly suppose that the government is giving official recognition to the boycott, but an unofficial dispatch from Washington states that the Department of Justice practically confesses its helplessness in reducing the cost of living by investigations and legal processes. The Star recently pointed out that difficulty and used former investigations as a precedent showing that while they were thorough and costly they did not accomplish the desired end. Besides that, the cost came out of the people, the main result disclosed in most investigations being that existing conditions could not be altered by investigations.

Federal District Attorney General Anderson at Washington, chief food price investigator for the government, declared a day or so ago that it was up to the people to boycott prices as the best means of getting relief. It is his opinion that while the government will not halt its investigations as to speculators who have been violating the anti-trust law, the declaration of a nation-wide boycott will have the result of breaking prices within a week. He said the people had it in their own hands to bring the speculators to taw and bring prices down to normal.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The fishing business here is largely an undeveloped industry. There ought to be big money in it. At Southport, N. C., the menhaden fishing boats and factories this season have made profits which, as a correspondent of the Wilmington Star expresses it, "put them in the automobile and war munitions class." Some idea of how big these profits have been can be gathered from the statement that on botas ,where crews are paid by the catch, so much per thousand, the low man has been getting $50 a week as his share.—Charleston News and Courier.

Reports reaching New Bern are to the effect that a gang of crooks are working in Eastern North Carolina just at this time and the public is urged to beware of these gentry and to make it hot for them in case any of them show up here. One individual who recently visited Wilmington had some sort of a scheme which he worked on the merchants under the auspices of an athletic association, while over at Goldsboro a crowd of "plumbing inspectors" made a cleaning up. The crooks have doubtless taken into consideration the fact that there is an abundance of money lying around now and are intent on getting their share of this, but we warn them here and now, that if they come to New Bern they will meet their Waterloo.—New Bern Sun-Journal.

The three great railroads leading from the frozen North to the Sunny South—the Southern, Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line—have put on finer trains than ever for the present season. These trains are composed of the finest-equipped Pullmans and are drawn by the heaviest and swiftest engines made, and even now they are crowded to capacity every day in the week. The drift is largely to Florida points, but it is noted that North Carolina and South Carolina are getting a larger share than usual. Southern Pines and Pinehurst in the long leaf belt, and Asheville, Waynesville, Hendersonville and Black Mountain in the mountains, are finding their hotels and boarding houses filling up daily. The indications are that the tourist travel to the South this winter will far surpass all previous records. It is too late to talk about it for the season now at hand, but if Charlotte will lay out a couple more golf links and enlarge its Country Club facilities, it will next winter catch a large share of this tourist travel. Charlotte is known as a splendid town to which to break the journey. It has the hotels, and if golfing facilities were provided the people would stop off, and be glad to do it.—Charlotte Observer.

One of Colonel Patrick's visitors last week, was George Singleton, from New Jersey. Mr. Singleton began as a mill boy but now holds a controlling interest in six mills as a result of his own industry and sagacity. The Singleton silk factories are located as follows: Two in Wadesboro, three in Augusta, Ga., and one in New Jersey. Colonel Patrick had much to do with locating five of these factories in the South and he laughingly remarked the other day, that he was fishing for the one still left in the North. They buy the raw material in Japan, bring it to this country and prepare it for the weaving of silk goods of various kinds.—Sanihill Citizen.

LEGISLATURE TO HAVE BIG FIRST WEEK RUSH

Flood of Little Bills Expected to Be Dumped Into Hopper.

Effort Being to Get Them Passed Before Amendments Become Effective January 10.—Wilson Leads in Tobacco Sales.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—When the Supreme court convenes for the week Tuesday morning, the first business will be hearing the motion by counsel for J. J. Britt asking that the Britt-Weaver case from the Tenth Congressional district be advanced so that it can be heard this week with a view to getting a ruling by the court by December 19, when the State Board of Elections holds that it must issue the certificate of election to Zeb V. Weaver unless the courts take effective action further staying the matter

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—There is every indication now that the first seven days of the 1917 Legislature, which convenes January 3, will be unprecedentedly busy days for the first week of the Assembly, due to the fact that, it being found that the constitutional amendments as to restriction of local legislation by the Legislature will not be effective until January 10, there will be by common consent a wholesale dumping of local bond issue and other bills into the hopper with a view to getting them through their readings and ratified before they are barred by the operation of the amendments.

The Legislature will organize Wednesday, January 3, at noon, electing the speaker and other officers agreed upon in the party caucuses on Tuesday evening. As soon as the officers are elected the Legislature will be declared open for business and the flood gates for local bills are expected to open, necessitating, probably, the appointment of special committees to pass on these bills, as it will be impossible to get the regular committees for the session appointed in time to have these bills go through the regular channel of committees and receive their required three readings in each branch and be enrolled and ratified in due form within the seven days' limit. Usually the first two weeks or longer are idled away by the Legislature ,but this session the first week promises to be one of the very busiest.

Superintendent D. H. Milton, of the North Carolina Soldiers' Home, will have his report for the directors and the Legislature ready very soon now. It will show 150 old soldiers being cared for, their ages ranging from 68 to 87 years.

Wilson led during November in the sale of loose leaf tobacco in North Carolina during November with 5,034,802 pounds sold on the warehouse floors, and Winston-Salem was second with 4,150,610 pounds. The total sales for the month on all the 46 markets that reported to the State Department of Agriculture rounded out 35,807,120 pounds, of which 32,473,036 was first hand for growers and the remainder re-sales for dealers and warehouses.

A board appointed by Governor Craig meets here Tuesday to draft bills for the Legislature to adjust the North Carolina statutes as to the National Guard to the Federal statutes. Members of the Board are Major G. L. Peterson, of Clinton; Major Kuykendall, Greensboro; Col. Thomas Stringfield, Waynesville, with First Lieutenant F. L. Page, of Greensboro, as recorder.

TWO HOMICIDE CASES.

Docketed for Present Term of Lenoir Court—Judge Devin Presides.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 11.—There are two homicide cases docketed to be heard in superior court opened by Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, here today. One of the defendants is Bingham Rouse, a convict guard, who several months ago shot and killed Walter Dudley, another guard, after an altercation in their quarters. The other is Lizzie Thompson, colored, who shot to death Oscar Hollins, with whom she had been intimate at a road construction camp near here. Rouse had been assaulted by Dudley, according to witnesses, before shooting him. The Thompson woman will plead self-defense, but the State claims to have evidence which makes her predicament seem serious.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

(By L. H. Smith, M. D.

There is no question but that many people suffer from auto-intoxication and ptomaine poisoning, and know not what they mean, nor how to cure them. These are big words which are easily explained. Through the failure of the liver to properly perform its work the twenty-seven feet of intestines become clogged. This stagnation throws poisons into the blood and the circulation, and one suffers from bad breath, foul taste in the mouth, and even yellow-coated tongue, headache, nausea or fullness. Gas often presses the diaphragm against the heart and causes pain there, or acid dyspepsia follows, often the inactive liver causes a yellow skin and eyes, and one feels languid, tired and debilitated. At such times some people are advised by their doctors to take a mineral oil, often called "Russian Oil," but experiments by R. F. McDonald have shown, as lately reported in a government publication of the U. S. Public Health Service, that mineral oil may act as an irritant that produces gastro-intestinal disturbances and that it may cause tissue proliferation, simulating cancer.

A better method, which I always advize, is to take as much outdoor exercise as possible, drink half a pint of hot water morning and night and plenty of water between meals and take a pleasant laxative pill occasionally. Such a one is made up of the May-apple, of vegetable calomel, and other concentrated herb extracts that give tone to the bowels. This was first made and sold by almost all druggists nearly 50 years ago as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Such simple means will remove that bugbear, auto-intoxication, constipation and the ills that follow, by favoring healthy action.

FINAL CROP ESTIMATE IS 11 511,000 BALES

126,000 Bales Less Than Was Forecast in October

Estimates Reduced from 14,266,000 Bales at the Beginning of the Season—Price Average 19.6—Production by States

Washington, Dec. 11.—Further reduction in the estimated size of this year's cotton crop was recorded today in the Department of Agriculture's final report putting the production at 11,511,000 equivalent 500 pound bales, exclusive of linters. That is 126,000 bales less than forecast after the last condition report in October.

Indications at the beginning of the growing season were that a crop of approximately 14,266,000 bales would be produced, but storms and insects wrought havoc with the growing plant as the season progresed. The acreage planted was the fourth largest on record.

The average price per pound paid to producers of cotton on December 1 was 19.6 cents. At that price the season's crop is worth $1,079,351,616, exclusive of the value of linter cotton and seeds.

Last year 11,191,820 equivalent 500 pound bales were grown and during the five years, 1910 to 1914, the average was 14,259,231 bales. The record crop was grown in 1914 when 16,134,930 bales were produced.

Production by states, with last year's crop figures for comparison, follows:

State	1916	1915
Virginia	29,999	15,309
North Carolina	646,000	699,494
South Carolina	920,000	1133,919
Georgia	1845,000	1968,673
Florida	43,000	47,831
Alabama	525,000	1030,939
Mississippi	800,000	953,965
Louisiana	440,000	341,063
Texas	2775,000	2227,480
Arkansas	1145,000	816,002
Tennessee	378,000	303,420
Missouri	62,000	47,999
Oklahoma	335,000	639,626
California	60,000	28,551
All others	8,000	7,420

Electric "eyes," according to an English dispatch, are popular with pedestrians on the dimly lighted streets of London. Men use them in buttonholes and cuff links. Women use them for eyes in animal furs nad carry the batteries in a muq.

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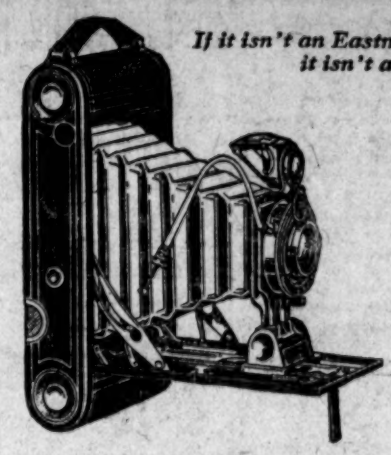

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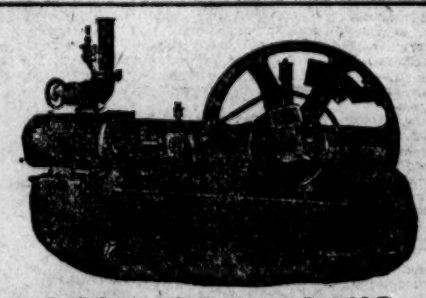

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COUNCIL TO FORMALLY INVESTIGATE CHARGES

Irregularity in Signing Pay Roll of City Is Alleged.

Councilman Bradshaw, In Charge of Streets Submitted Charges Against Supt. John J. Furlong at Hearing Yesterday

A charge of irregularity against Superintendent of Streets John J. Furlong will be formally investigated at a special meeting of City Council to be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The charge was brought by Councilman W. J. Bradshaw, in charge of streets and wharves, following a public hearing conducted by Council sitting as a committee of the whole at the city hall yesterday morning.

Councilman W. J. Bradshaw submitted two items of alleged irregularity, the first being to the effect that the pay roll of the street department for the week, ending October 27, shows the name of two men, J. Brown and E. Smith, for which Supt. Furlong signed receipts for $10.50 each and that investigation on the part of the councilman had failed to satisfy him that these two men had performed any service for the city. The second charge of irregularity is to the effect that the pay roll of the street department for the weeks ending December 2 and December 9, shows the name of W. L. Burkheimer and that the latter appears to have received $10 for four days work and that for the same time he seemed to have been in the employ of the county or at least for a part of the time.

The submission of the charges by Councilman Bradshaw came at the end of session lasting two hours during which many witnesses were examined with reference to the conduct of the affairs of the street department. While Superintendent Furlong was present at the hearing, he took no part in it, as no formal charges had been made against him, and the meeting of Council had been called simply for the purpose of making an investigating of any misconduct or irregularity on the part of any employe of the city that anybody might care to bring.

When Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock, all members of Council were present and a large number of citizens including about 25 employes of the street department. While there had been many rumors, nobody knew just what the meeting had been called for, as the purpose had been stated in very broad terms and many came through curiosity while it appeared that many others had been summoned as witnesses.

After Mayor Moore had stated the purpose of the meeting and had asked Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, if any formal charges had been filed with him or if there had been any names given to him and had been informed that they were not, Councilman Merritt rose to his feet and stated that for the week ending October 27th, the pay roll of the street department showed the names of two men, who had not been located, and he asked that an investigation be made.

The first to respond to Mayor Moore's request that those having complaints come forward and make them was Mr. Will Rehder, who spoke of the condition of the premises in the vicinity of the city stables,because of the dumping of slops and other refuse, stating that it had been his purpose to bring it before the grand jury but had been waiting with the expectation that something would be done. Upon motion of Councilman McCaig this complaint was referred to Councilman Jones, in charge of the water and sewerage department.

The examination of witnesses was conducted in judicial form, each being sworn. These appearing before Council as witnesses were: Mr. Cato J. Cumming, an employe of the street department. Mr. Oscar Peck, who had employed Mr. Cumming to unload wood from cars for him; Mr. W. H. Blair, asistant city tax collector, who certified to pay roll records; Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly, who said that Mr. Cumming had told him last Thursday that he was looking for two men named E. Smith and J. Brown; Deputy Sheriff M. Cronly, who stated that Mr. W. L. Burkheimer had drawn pay from the county the past week as a special court officer; Andrew Jackson Brown, colored, who very emphatically denied having ever bought any feed from the city stables; Mr. H. B. Shepard, an employe at the citly stables, who said that Brown had asked him if he could buy feed and upon being answered in the negative said he had bought it before; Mr. R. M. Roberts, in charge of the incinerator plant, who declared that he knew of no irregularities at the city stables; Mr. G. H. Nichols, in charge of the feeding of the city's horses; Mr. J. H. Jones, timekeeper and utility man at the city stables, who knew of nothing more than that a load of coal apparently had been taken from that belonging to the hospital, and Mr. W. L. Burkheimer, who explained the reason he drew pay for four days from the city last week, stating that he had devoted three or four hours each day to looking after work on the Sixth street bridge, having done this early in the morning, at noon hour and late in the afternoon when he was not otherwise engaged at the court house, and Mr. E. E. Boney, in charge of the shop at the city stables, who knew of nothing irregular.

At the conclusion of the examination of the witnesses Councilman Bradshaw presented the following paper, which was read by City Attorney Robert Ruark:

"To the Council of the City of Wilmington, sitting as a Committee of the whole to investigate certain alleged irregularities:

"Sometime since rumors became current in the City to the effect that certain irregularities or misconduct on the part of certain employes in the Department of Streets and Wharves existed. The information upon which these rumors were based did not originally come to me as Councilman in charge of Streets and Wharves, but, as I understand it, certain information was furnished to Councilman McCaig. As soon as Councilman McCaig considered that enough information had been presented to him to justify him so doing he reported the matters to me. Thereafter effort was made to obtain all possible information bearing on the matter, with the result, in my opinion

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ONLY THREE CHANGES IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Rev. J. H. Shore Presiding Elder of Wilmington District.

Rev. J. H. McCracken Becomes Pastor of Fifth Avenue Church. Rev. L. E. Thompson and Rev. J. P. Pate Transferred. Others Returned

As a result of the appointments made at the annual sesion of the North Carolina Conference, which came to a close at Durham yesterday, two new ministers will pursue their work in the churches of this city during the coming year. They are Rev. E. C. Sell, who succeeds Rev. J. P. Pate, as pastor of Bladen Street church and Rev. J. H. McCracken who replaces Rev. J. H. Shore in charge of Fifth Avenue church.

Mr. Shore has been advanced to the position of presiding elder of the Wilmington District, to succeed Rev. L. E. Thompson, transferred to the Warrenton district. Mr. Pate will take charge of the Kenansville circuit. Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace church, Rev. W. V. McRae, pastor of Trinity, and Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor of Wesley Memorial church at Winter Park have been returned for another year.

The congregation of Fifth Avenue church, while disappointed at the loss of Mr. Shore, who has just completed his first year's pastorate here, are delighted at his promotion and with their good fortune in securing Mr. McCracken in his place. Under the direction of Mr. Shore the church has just completed one of the most successful years in its history. The retiring pastor is immensely popular with his congregation and they predict for him great success in his broader field of work.

Mr. McCracken has finished four years of faithful work at the Central Church at Raleigh, and is considered one of the most forceful speakers and enthusiastic workers in the conference. Mrs. McCracken, too, is a zealous church worker, and the congregation feel that the new pastor is admirably fitted to carry on the great work begun by Mr. Shore.

Mr. Sell, who comes to Bladen Street church from Mayesville, is no stranger in Wilmington as he served as pastor at Trinity church several years ago. He, too, is an earnest worker, and a minister who should do great work in his new field. His son, Mr. Earl Sell, formerly worked in Wilmington, and was until recently connected with The Evening Dispatch.

Although handicapped during a great part of the year by ill health, Rev. J. P. Pate accomplished much during his year as the pilot of Bladen street church. His crowning achievement was the successful riddance of the church of the shadow of debt that hung over it. On Thanksgiving night the church was freed from debt, and the mortgages thrown into a blazing bonfire near the church.

Mr. Thompson filled four years of service with his labors in this district, and he now moves on to a new field, only because of the rules of the Methodist church prohibit a man from remaining for more than four consecutive years in one church or charge.

It is gratifying to the congregation of Trinity church to have Mr. McRae returned. During the two years he has been in charge of the church, he has wrought many improvements, one of the principal ones being the preparation for the erection of a new church edifice.

The same may be said of Mr. Miller at Wesley Memorial church. He too, has proven himself a faithful soldier of God during the past year that he has labored in this field, and the members of his congregation are rejoicing at his return. He is pastor of several churches in the suburbs east of Wilmington.

The congregation of Grace church confidently expected that Mr. Plyler would be returned to them. He has completed but one year of service in this field and has shown himself to be not only a powerful speaker, and faithful minister, but also a man of many other admirable traits.

To the departing ministers Wilmington Methodists wish a god speed in their new fields, and to the new comers they extend the right hand of fellowship.

SUPERIOR COURT CASES.

Two Divorce Cases and Several Damage Suits Are Tried.

Two divorce cases and several suits for damages were tried at yesterday's session of Superior Court which was convened at 9:30 o'clock and recessed shortly after 5 o'clock until 9:30 A. M. today.

In the case of Hollen Bule against Jos. L. Bule, the jury rendered a verdict for divorce, suit having been brought on statutory grounds. In the case of Major Williams, colored, against Irene Williams, colored, action being brought on account of 10 years' separation, a verdict for divorce was also rendered.

Other cases disposed of included those of the Atlantic Fruit Distributors' Company against the Northern Fruit Company, in which a verdict in the sum of $214.80 was rendered by the jury in favor of the plaintiff, the case of L. J. Carr against Atlantic Coast Line Railway, which was dismissed at defendant's cost, and the case of J. O. Reilly against the Knox Lumber Company, which was non-suited upon the completion of the plaintiff's evidence.

When court adjourned, the evidence and argument of counsel in the case of the Waldorf Park Realty Comany against R. A. Montgomery for alleged breach of contract in connection with the purchase of several lots, had been concluded. Judge G. W. Connor will charge the jury this morning.

In this case the defendant contended that the contract for the lots which were located near Oyster Bay, L. I., had not been filled out as per agreement, and the plaintiff contended that the defendant did not live up to his part of the contract. The sum sued for under the alleged contract was $315. Kenan & Wright apeared for the plaintiff, while C. D. Weeks, Esq., appeared for the defendant.

The $10,000 Sequel.

to "The Diamond From the Sky" starts at Bijou today. Come early.—Adv.

SEPARATE COURT FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS

Recorder George Harriss Makes Innovation in Court.

Youthful Offenders Will Hereafter be Tried in Recorder's Private Office. Mr. Hinnant Named Permanent Probation Officer.

Under authority granted him by Chapter 222, Section 2, of the Public Laws of North Carolina, session 1915, Recorder George Harriss announced yesterday afternoon that hereafter all juvenile offenders appearing before the Recorder's court will be tried in his private office in the court house, separately from the adults, and after the conclusion of the regular session of the court. Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, city boys' work secretary, was named as permanent probation officer.

Mr. Hinnant was appointed temporary probation officer Saturday afternoon to look after the sentences imposed on two small white boys by Recorder Harriss, and it was intimated at that time that he might be appointed permanently. This was borne out yesterday by the announcement that he was to be the regular officer of the court in the future.

While this act is a departure from the usual form of procedure in the local Recorder's court, it is the method prescribed in the public laws of the State. The section under which Recorder Harriss takes this action is as follows:

"Sec. 2..... It shall be the duty of the court, after consultation with proper persons, to appoint either some volunteer or paid probation officer, who shall have charge of the delinquent or dependent children brought before the court.

"Sec. 3.—After the court having jurisdiction over the child or children defined in this act, has seen the necessity of having one or more probation officers to seek to train and guide the child aright, it shall appoint the best person obtainable in the community who is willing to serve in this capacity, and shall suggest to the county commissioners that such probation officer be paid whatever amount is deemed advisable and just by the court, especially when no suitable volunteer probation officer can be secured, and the board of commissioners of any county are hereby empowered in their discretion to make the necessary appropriation to carry this section into effect.

"Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the court herein given jurisdiction over such children as are described in this act to hold as far as practicable separate trials for the children, and if possible in a private office removed from all criminal features and surroundings, and also to keep and have kept, what shall be known as the 'Juvenile Record,' which shall contain the names, ages, sexes, race, residence, if known, the offenses committed by the child, and his progress or reformation within the period of probation fixed by the court, and the final disposition of the child."

Under this statute it will be seen that the act of Recorder Harriss is in strict compliance with the law, and will fill a long felt want in local court circles.

TWO OFFICERS HAVE SERVED NEARLY TWO SCORE YEARS

Cornelius Harnett Council, Royal Arcanum, Held Its Annual Election.

Having two officers who have served for 38 years is probably a record that cannot be duplicated by any other fraternal organization in North Carolina, and Cornelius Harnett Council, No. 231 Royal Arcanum, feels doubly proud for this reason of its secretary, Dr. S. Menhelsohn, and its collector, Mr. J. Weil, both of whom have been officers since its founding nearly two score years ago. Both of these officers were re-elected for the 39th time last night at the annual election of officers.

Dr. Mendelsohn is the beloved grand chaplain of the order for North Carolina and has long been prominent in its affairs. Cornelius Harnett Council is one of the largest in the State. It has lost but few members as a result of the recent increase in insurance rates and its affairs are in a prosperous condition.

The officers elected last night for the ensuing year are:

Regent—T. L. Vines.
Vice Regent—E. T. Burton.
Orator—John H. Sweeney.
Sitting Past Regent—Julius Sternberger.
Secretary—S. Mendelsohn.
Collector—J. Weil.
Treasurer—R. H. Northrop.
Chaplain—I. H. Weil.
Guide—L. M. Bunting.
Sentry—A. Silverman.
Representative to Grand Council—J. Weil; alternate, Julius Sternberger.

BIG HAMMER RESUMES WORK.

After Being Repaired at Wilmington Iron Works—Idle for Weeks.

After being out of commission for the past several weeks, the big steam hammer that is being used to drive the piles in the foundation of Wilmington's new customs house, was put in action again yesterday morning, and is once more making itself heard along the water front.

When the big hammer was put out of commission, those in charge of the construction work found themselves up against a proposition. The hammer could not be replaced only by special order, and this would mean a considerable delay in the work. One of the contractors took a flying trip to Baltimore in an endeavor to have the big driver mended, but to no avail.

Finally it was taken to the plant of the Wilmington Iron Works, where the necessary repairs were made, and now after weeks of idleness the giant steam hammer is once more making history in Wilmington by pounding into place the foundation of one of the finest government buildings along the Atlantic coast.

"SYRIAN" BOY WANTED.

Alleged to Have Stolen $400 at Rocky Mount Yesterday.

Chief of Police N. J. Williams received a telegram yesterday from Chief O. P. Hedgepeth, of Rocky Mount, asking him to watch out for a 19-year-old "Syrian" boy named Shahan, wanted for the theft of $400 in Rocky Mount. Shahan is described as being bushy haired, and having only one eye.

PLAN LECTURE COURSE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Holds Regular Monthly Meeting

Members of Board Are Arranging For Series of Popular Addresses By Prominent Speakers In County and City Schools

That the Board of Education, with the approval of the city and county superintendents, is planning to establish a course of educational lectures in the public schools of Wilmington and New Hanover county by prominent speakers of this city and other sections of the State, was the announcement made by Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman of the Board, following its regular monthly meeting held yesterday afternoon at the court house.

The establishment of this course of lectures, the members of the Board of Education think, is only a logical growth of the new ideal of education, which holds that the public schools, supported by the people of the community, are not serving their highest usefulness unless they are utilized to the widest possible extent and made aggressively serviceable to the parents and community at large as well as to the students.

The lectures will be of a broad general interest and may treat of any subject which the speakers are peculiarly competent to discuss, provided it has an educational value. Although all the details have not yet been worked out, it is announced that the lectures will begin right away and will be given once a month in each of the city and county schools.

At these meetings it will be possible to acquaint the patrons and friends of the schools with their work and problems, and it is hoped they will bring about a better understanding on the part of the public of the work of the educational institutions and their functions, thus bringing about a closer co-operation.

The plan is not a new one, as it has been tried and has worked successfully in other cities, notably New York City, where a series of popular and entertaining lectures by experts in various lines is given in the public schools

It is probable that the lectures in the city schools will be given during the day at times convenient for the speakers, while those in the country will probably be given at night. A list of the speakers will be announced within the next few days.

Aside from the above, matters discussed at the meeting of the board yesterday were largely of the routine order. The meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Kellum. Other members present included Messrs. J. G. L. Gieschen, B. Solomon, Prof. Washington Catlett and Superintendent of City schools J. J. Blair.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Several Women Among Defendants at Yesterday's Session.

The usual number of Monday morning defendants appeared before Recorder George Harriss at yesterday morning's session of his court, a number of women appearing on various charges. Sis Baldwin was tried on two charges, one for conducting a rowdy house, on which she was discharged, and the other for vagrancy, for which she drew 30 days on the county farm.

Miller Brown, charged with larceny, was discharged; Bertha Grady, charged with vagrancy, was also discharged, but Rebecca Cherry and Lillie Johnson, up for vagrancy for the second time, were sent to the farm for 90 days each. Isham Merrick paid $10 and costs for an assault on a female, and Aaron Fuller the costs for violating the driving ordinance. Fuller was also charged with violating the tax ordinance, but the State took a nol pros in this case, with violating the tax ordinance, but Recorder Harriss announced from the bench at yesterday's session that hereafter each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, after 2:30, would be open for the discussion of civil cases.

LOCAL WOODMEN OF WORLD HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

New Officers of Live Oak Camp Were Named at Meeting Last Night

The chief feature of the annual meeting of the members of Live Oak Camp, No. 6, Woodmen of the World held last night at their hall in the Odd Fellows' building was the election of officers, which after a lively contest between certain of the rival candidates, resulted as follows: Past Con. Commander, E. D. Harvey; Con. Commander, W. E. Davis; Adv. Lieutenant, Jas. H. Farrar; Clerk, Geo. C. Jackson; Banker, W. H. Howell, Escort, J. C. Long; Watchman, Herbert Miller; Sentry, W. P. Farrar; Managers, J. W. Fleet, Jno. E. Wood and W. G. A. Otersen; Camp Physician Drs. Ernest Bulluck, Arnold Stovall and J. A. Dosher. The foregoing officers will be installed at a meeting which will be held January 8, 1917.

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Don't worry any more about that itching skin-trouble. Just get a jar of resinol ointment and a cake of resinol soap at any drug store.

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J. N. Bryant Brings Suit Against Stone Towing Line for $402.25.

Proceedings for the recovery of $402.25 were instituted yesterday in Superior court by the filing of the complaint in the case of J. N. Bryant against R. R. Stone, trading as the Stone Towing Line Co., for the sinking and loss of 31,342 feet of timber through the alleged negligence of the defendant, who had contracted with the defendant to transport same to the wharf of the Clyde Line S. S. Company from the wharf of the Camp Manufacturing Co.

The complaint avers that the lighter on which was loaded some 49,847 feet of lumber was tied too close to the Clyde Line wharf, and shortly before 7 A. M. on the morning of October 10th, it was swept against and under the wharf, capsized and sunk; that only 18,505 feet of the lumber was recovered, and the balance never has and cannot be recovered; that demand has repeatedly been made upon the defendant for the value of the lumber only to be refused, wherefore, judgmnt in the sum of $402.25 is prayed. The plaintiff is represented by McClammy & Burgwin.

Children pull at the heart strings and their slightest illness means anxiety.

For nearly a half century mothers have had Dr. King's New Discovery at hand for croup, congestion, coughs, colds and grippe.

The mildly laxative ingredients expel the cold germs, the choking phlegm is raised, the congested chest is relieved, the cough loosened and a serious illness is averted.

Get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery at your druggist to-day.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1, A. F. & A. M.

Stated Communication this Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, for the consideration of all business properly to be presented. All members are asked to attend. Visiting brothers will be given the glad hand of welcome.

By order of the Master.

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YOU will find in this store a wealth of resources in your problem of choosing gifts for a man's Christmas. Everything here is of highest quality you don't need to wonder about it being good.

You couldn't buy a more useful present than a Hart Schaffner & Marx suit or overcoat; splendid values at $25; full dress suits $35 and up.

Gloves	Mufflers	Leather Suit Cases
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A Little Beauty for Boys. Price $12.50

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SOCIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney F. McCreary, of New York, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Post for a short time.

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The St. James' branch of the Junior Auxiliary will have their sale of Christmas cards, fancy work and candy in the Parish house this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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The Parish Guild of St. John's Episcopal church will hold its annual Christmas sale of fancy work at the parish house this afternoon beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

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The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon, in the church parlors. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

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On Wednesday afternoon St. Cecilia's Guild of St. James' church will have a sale at Nos. 6 and 8 North Front street. Articles of wear for infants and small children will be a specialty. Candy, flowers, dressed dolls, etc., will be on sale.

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Mrs. Ira F. Cates and little son, Forest, left yesterday for Durham, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Cates' father. Mrs. Cates has been in poor health for the past few weeks, and her many friends hope that she will return to Wilmington much improved.

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Mr. C. Franklin Gregson, Jr., and his bride, who was formerly Miss Josephine Merriman Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Shields, of Durham, arrived in the city early this morning from Hamlet and will take up their residence here. Following their honeymoon trip to the North, they spent a few days with relatives of the groom at Hamlet. Mr. Gregson is a member of the Orton's clerical staff.

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In connection with the annual Christmas sale of St. Agnes' Guild of St. James' parish, to be held this week in the rooms of the Housewives' League, on Chestnut street, on Wednesday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, The Star is asked to publish the following:

"Tarry a while on Wednesday morn,
In the Housewives' room and share your coin.
The Guild of St. Agnes will greet you with smiles,
And help your weary moments beguile,
Sweet candy and doilies and oodles of notions
A Christmas lift may you fill
To its utmost proportions.
Beautiful scarfs and runners for mother
And many a trinket surely will please brother.
Dear little caps and wee little sacks,
Here you'll find to adorn little backs;
So be certain to remember that on tomorrow morn
You're welcome to the rest room ere your pocket you've torn
Or your purse is very worn."

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MISS WATKINS IN FAYETTEVILLE; LOCAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE FORMED

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 11.—Miss Gertrude Watkins, of Little Rock, Ark., an organizer of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, spoke on equal suffrage here Saturday night. The speaking was held in the meeting room of the Civic Association and was attended by a small audience, due in part at least to the fact that the public had only a few hours notice that Miss Watkins was to speak, on account of a hitch in the arrangements. After Miss Watkins' address a suffrage league was organized, all her auditors except two becoming members. Among those who formed the league was one man.

A TRIANGLE FEATURE.

But Not a Motion Picture Though Sallie Saw Stars All Right.

Louise Crawford was tried in Justice McGowan's court yesterday afternoon on a charge of swatting Sallie Bell, another lady of color, in the eye with a club Saturday night while engaged in an altercation over the affections of a certain gentleman acquaintance.

After hearing the evidence and taking a look at Sallie's injured optic, Judge McGowan decided it had the appearance of having encountered a human fist rather than a war club, so he changed the charge to serious injury, and sent Louise up to Recorder's court for trial this morning. She gave $25 for her appearance.

Property Transfers Recorded.

The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds: Wilmington Beach Corporation to A. H. Ketchum, lot at Carolina Beach, for $1 and other considerations; Theodore Fisher to J. T. Turlington, property on Federal Point road west of Fork branch, consideration $100; D. N. Chadwick, Jr., and others, to Norman F. Smith, property on Meares street, for $10 and other considerations.

AFTER ATTACKS OF BRONCHITIS

Vinol Restored Mrs. Horbough's Strength.

Waynesboro, Pa.—"I was all run down after a hard spell of bronchitis so it was hard for me to keep about. I had pains in my chest and took cold easily. A friend asked me to try Vinol. I did, and it built me up so I am strong and well and I am able to do my housework which I had not done for three months before taking Vinol." — Mrs. Y. R. Horbough, Waynesboro, Pa.

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WORKING IN INTEREST OF TRADE MAGAZINE HERE.

Mr. Munro Nichols, Veteran Newspaper Man, Spending Few Days in City.

Mr. Munro Nichols, of Richmond, Va., editor of Southland and Modern Progress, an industrial periodical, is spending a few days in Wilmington in the interest of this paper. This magazine is devoting its columns entirely to the general upbuilding of the South. Mr. Nichols expects to do some boosting for Wilmington. He has recently visited a number of towns and cities in the State.

Mr. Nichols is a veteran newspaper man, having been for nearly 20 years a correspondent for the Associated Press. He saw service as war correspondent in the Graeco-Turkish war, the Spanish-American war and the Boer war in South Africa. He was the first to bring the news of the defeat of Cervera at Santiago, having made the trip across to Tampa in a tug. He earned the name of "Testament" Nichols when he placed a large portion of the New Testament on the wire in order to hold it while he wrote his story of the battle.

HANSON WILL "TAKE ON" "BUMPS" TURNER FRIDAY.

Announcement of Match Made Last Night Following Receipt of Wire.

Fritz Hanson announced last night that he will contend against "Bumps" Turner, of Washington, D. C., for mat honors next Friday night at Woolvin Hall, provided certain details concerning the match can be arranged.

Hanson stated that he had received a telegram from Joe Turner that he would send "Bumps" down provided a "side bet" of $100 was arranged, winner to take all. After trying unsuccessfully to get some outsider in the heavy middleweight class to contend against "Bumps," Hanson wired Joe Turner asking if he would not come down himself, and he, Hanson, would meet him. Joe wired back that he would send "Bumps". "Bumps" weighs about 170 pounds, and wrestled Hanson last summer at Wrightsville Beach, and at that time Hanson won. From the conditions which "Joe" is submitting, it is believed that he thinks "Bumps" is "trained up" sufficiently to win this time, and a good match is expected.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CITY UNION HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Meeting Was Held Last Night at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Epworth League City Union, held last night at Fifth Avenue Methodist church, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. D. Robbins, Jr.; vice president, Miss Elizabeth Baxley; superintendent first department, Miss Jennie Corbett; superintendent second department, Miss Ella Brinkley; superintendent third department, Miss Emmie Belle LeGwin; superintendent fourth department, Miss Martha Voshall; corresponding secretary, Albert Elmer; secretary, Miss Lottie Frink; treasurer, Mr. A. L. Freeman; Era agent, E. H. Hardison, and pianist, Miss Willie Thigpen.

WILMINGTON MAN HONORED.

Mr. T. C. Crafts, Jr., Crosen President of North Carolina Society.

A recent issue of the Baltimore Sun carries the announcement that Mr. T. C. Craft, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Craft, of Carolina Court, this city, has been elected president of the North Carolina Society of Baltimore. The meeting at which Mr. Crafts was elected was held in the Emerson Hotel, and was preceded by a dinner. Following is the account carried in The Sun.

"The North Carolina Society of Baltimore held its annual meeting last night at the Hotel Emerson, preceded by a dinner, and elected Thomas C. Craft, Jr., as president to succeed William H. Parker.

"Dr. Horace E. Flack, who has served three years as secretary, was elected vice president; William B. Turlington, Jr., secretary, and Oscar D. Green, treasurer. Mr. Green is now in the University Hospital, recovering from injuries received while inspecting the Lexington street building. Mr. Parker was elected chairman of the board of governors and other governors were George L. Wood, Willis R. Jones, State Senator George Arnold Frick, and Frederick B. Hubble."

FORMALLY OPENED YESTERDAY

Elvington's Pharmacy Have Auspicious Opening of New Quarters

Six hundred roses and seven hundred Charlie Chaplin candy walking canes were given away as souvenirs at the formal opening of Elvington Pharmacy's new quarters on North Front Street yesterday afternoon and evening.

The doors were opened at 2.30 yesterday afternoon and from then until closing time last night the store was thronged with visitors. An orchestra furnished delightful music during the evening hours. The proprietor Mr. Elvington stated last night that the crowds that visited the store during the day greatly exceeded his expectations.

MINISTERS MET YESTERDAY.

Rev. R. L. Davis and Rev. S. Winchester Were Guests of Association.

The Ministerial Association held its regular weekly meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday morning. Rev. W. M. Baker presided, and Mr. J. B. Huntington acted as secretary There being no special business before the house only routine business was transacted. Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, who spoke at Grace and Fifth Avenue churches Sunday, and Rev. S. Winchester, who delivered a lecture at the Victoria Theatre, Sunday, were guests of the association.

LOCAL DOTS.

—There will be an important meeting of the Rotary Club this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. The usual luncheon will be served.

—A short circuit in an automobile belonging to Mr. C. L. Dickinson, caused the wiring in the car to burn out yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, near the "Electric Centre". The fire department was called out but the fire did little damage.

—While no one who knows his personally would suspect for a moment that he had ever been guilty of imbibing too freely, Mr. L. E. Thomas, of No. 411 North Second street, who is employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line, wishes to say for the benefit of those who may not know him that he was not the L. E. Thomas, who was in the Recorder's court yesterday on this charge.

CAN BUY IT IN WILMINGTON

Local Dealers Have Fine Supply of Christmas Gifts to Select From No Matter What You Want.

No matter what kind of a Christmas present you intend to give your friends this year, no matter what you want to pay for it, and no matter whether you intend to hand out something that will simply serve to "let your out," or to really give a valuable present that will stand as a monument to your memory in the esteem of your dearly beloved friends, you can find it in Wilmington.

A trip through the shopping districts of the city today or tomorrow, before the preferred gifts have already been plucked—will convince you that this is true. Furthermore, if you go early then you will be rewarded for the somewhat scarcity of articles that prevailed at last Christmas is completely forgotten this year in the midst of the wave of prosperity that is sweeping the country.

If it is books that you want then there are several book stores in the city that carry about as complete a line as can be found anywhere. Books are always in good taste, and if you decide on a book then you may be assured that you have made no mistake. The recent death of Jack London has made his books more popular than ever, and a set of this romantic adventurer's works will be highly appreciated by anyone who is the least bit literary or has the slightest drop of red blood in his or her veins. The usual best sellers will continue to be in demand and will still make suitable gifts.

The recent Nation-wide celebration of electrical week has raised the value of electrical appliances and utensils on the gift market. An electric toaster for mother, sister, or wife, would be well. And then there is the electrical iron that does away with provoking wrinkles on the faces of more than one charming maid. If you can already hear the golden bells tingling, it might be a good idea either to suggest to your friends, that you would like a few electrical gifts, or if this fails, then dutch treat yourself to some. You'll appreciate them later.

Perhaps it is some dainty trinket of jewelry that you have decided on. Then it is a safe wager that no city of its size in the South carried a bigger or better line than do the stores right here in Wilmington. Silverware seems to be popular this year, and there are numbers of beautiful designs on exhibition in local display windows.

How about a bit of fancy work? Well practically every church in the city has been holding a sale of fancy work and such stuff. If you didn't attend any of these, or if you couldn't find anything to suit yourself, then there are dozens of stores in the city that make a specialty of this line of goods.

The usual supply of household furnishings are to be found and in a more varied assortment than ever before. This will be an ideal gift to slip to that newly-wed friend of yours. A trip down Front street will convince you.

SPEAKERS' CLUB MEETS

Interesting Discussion on Debating and Elocution—Debate Planned

An interesting discussion on debating and elocution was conducted by the Speakers' Club at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Rev. J. E. Reynolds conducted the class in debating and Dr. E. S. Bulluck the class in elocution. Mr. K. B. Knudsen presided at the meeting.

It was decided to have a debate next Monday night on the question: "Resolved, That the United States should place an embargo for the next six months on staple foodstuffs." Messrs. Emmett H. Bellamy and K. B. Knudsen will uphold the affirmative and Messrs. L. F. Duvall and John A. Livingston the negative.

SMALL BOY ARRESTED.

Wee Negro Accused of Stealing Bicycle Yesterday Afternoon.

Ernest Jackson, a wee pickaninny, was arrested by Policeman Charles Jones near the Grand theatre, shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon on a charge of stealing a bicycle from Nick Elmore, a white boy. It is alleged that the wheel was stolen from the front of the Star Cafe on North Front street while the owner was inside getting a lunch. The boy was paroled in the custody of his father until this morning.

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THE ORIGINAL
MALTED MILK
Cheap substitutes cost YOU same price.

MOVE TO POINT CASWELL.

Messrs Brown and Daniel Purchase Business of Mr. Blizzard.

Announcement was made yesterday that Mr. H. F. Brown, formerly with Pearsall & Co., of this city, and Mr. W. J. Daniel have purchased the mercantile business of Mr. W. D. Blizzard, of Point Caswell. They have already assumed charge of their new business, and are preparing to bring their stock of goods from Burgaw to Point Caswell and consolidating it with the one purchased from Mr. Blizzard. They will have one of the largest mercantile establishments at Point Caswell.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were John O. Young, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Godwin, Point Caswell; Bradley Godwin, Dunn; H. D. Hyman, Bolivia; Dr. R. S. Beam, Lumberton; John Cox, Jr., Elm City; C. L. Stevens, Southport; L. McCallum, High Point.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were J. J. Barden, Jr., Warsaw; J. T. Rivers, Sanford; F. T. Brinkley, Winston-Salem; C. H. Moore, Goldsboro; J. Sprunt Newton, Fayetteville; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; J. P. Joyce, Townville; C. S. Clark, Clarkton; B. R. King, Goldsboro; S. O. Bolton, Charlotte.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

Former Mayor Smith in Hospital—Holly Shipments Heavy

(Special Star Correspondence)

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 11.—Colin S. Smith, a well-known attorney and former mayor of Mount Olive, was taken to Rocky Mount Sunday night, where, in the Rocky Mount Sanitorium, he will undergo an operation for appendicitis. Attorney Smith became ill Saturday, and the attending physician stated Sunday night that the case had developed right rapidly.

Upwards of fifteen carloads of holly have already been shipped from here to northern and northwestern markets this season, where it is being used for Christmas decoration purposes. The shipments from here this season will probably be a little heavier than in the past two or three seasons, because there is probably more to be had. Denuding the forests of the evergreen some four or five winters ago has caused it to be rather scarce during the past two or three years.

Reports sent out from one or two other Eastern Carolina towns, that there was an unusual demand this season at extra prices, is untrue, according to local dealers; or at least, they say they haven't had any such fancy offers.

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If the skin be colorless, sallow, muddy, over-red, blotchy, chapped or freckled, nothing will so surely overcome the condition as ordinary mercolized wax. It literally takes off a bad complexion—absorbs the dead and near-dead particles of surface skin, gently, gradually, causing no inconvenience at all. A new complexion is then in evidence, clear, spotless, delicately soft and beautiful. One ounce of this wax, procurable at any drug store, will rejuvenate even the worst complexion. It is used like cold cream.

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Use Doan's Kidney Pills.
Here's Wilmington testimony.
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Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Carney had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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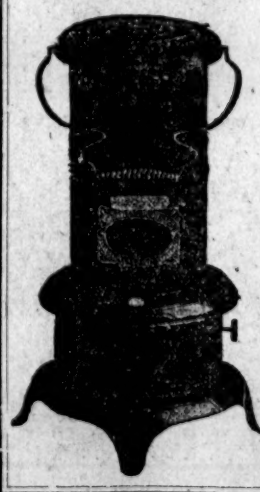

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

SLUMP IN COTTON MARKET

Sensational Break Follows Publication of Government Crop Estimate—Rally Later.

New York, Dec. 11.—One of the most sensational breaks in the history of the cotton market followed the publication of the government's crop estimate today. Inside of five minutes there was a decline of practically a cent a pound and before the break was checked March had sold at 17.50—$8.10 per bale under the high point of the morning and more than $19 a bale under the high records established just before Thanksgiving.

A rally of about 60 points followed in the last half hour, with March closing at 18.11 and with the general list closing steady at a net decline of 79 to 96 points.

The market was extremely nervous and irregular before the report was published. Disposition to cover recent sales in advance of the estimate caused rallies from time to time, but every bulge seemed to meet long cotton and the selling was promoted by reports of advancing marine war risks and the easier Liverpool cables. After opening 12 to 19 points lower prices rallied quite sharply to about 6 to 10 points net higher. This advance carried January up to 18.88, March to 1912 and May to 19.33, but before the report was issued prices had worked some 25 to 30 points under last Saturday's close and following its publication January broke to 17.40 and May to 17.80. For a time the selling which came from all directions, appeared to be absolutely overwhelming, but the worst of the liquidation subsided after the decline of 138 to 155 points from Saturday's closing figures and trade interests were big buyers on the closing rally of about 55 to 65 points from the lowest. The government's crop estimate of 11,511,000 bales did not seem to be very much above the average of 20 private estimates published by various authorities in the trade of 11,400,000 bales. It seemed however, that people who had hung on to long contracts during the recent decline in the hope that today's official report would stimulate another general buying movement were disappointed in the showing.

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	18.50	1875	17.78	17.75
January	18.75	18.88	17.49	17.82
March	18.85	19.12	17.50	18.11
May	19.08	19.33	17.80	18.33
July	19.12	19.34	17.85	18.38
October	17.17	17.35	16.45	16.55

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 1800, sales 1400 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT

New Orleans—Middling, 19.63 bales; receipts, 5,027; exports, 1,327; sales, 26; stock, 454,739.

Galveston—Middling, 18.80; receipts, 10,328 bales; exports, 13,922; sales, 568; stock, 417,822.

Mobile—Middling, 19.25; receipts, 152 bales; exports, 9,199; stock, 12,376.

Savannah—Middling, 19.75; receipts, 4,531 bales; sales, 240; stock, 221,907.

Charleston—Middling, 19½; receipts, 399 bales; exports, 3,100; stock, 78,064.

Wilmington—Middling, 18½; receipts, 506 bales; stock, 47,522.

Norfolk—Middling, 18.13; receipts, 6,084 bales; sales, 98; stock, 111,469.

Baltimore—Exports, 1,493 bales; stock, 5,418.

Boston—Middling, 18.75; receipts, 381 bales; stock, 8,300.

Philadelphia—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 191 bales; stock, 501.

New York—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 70 bales; exports, 3,001; stock, 146,739.

Minor ports—Receipts, 13,982 bales; exports, 14,392; stock, 49,191.

Total today—Receipts, 41,661 bales; exports, 46,434; stock, 1,553,697.

Total for week—Receipts, 77,625; exports, 80,554.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,905,037 bales; exports, 3,696,224.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middlinf, 18.30; receipts, 17,277 bales; shipments, 14,544; sales, 1,853; stock, 286,193.

Memphis—Midling, 19.75; receipts, 11,055 bales; shipments, 6,921; sales, 750; stock, 282,523.

Augusta—Middling, 19.63; receipts, 1,126 bales; shipments, 390; sales, 147; stock, 147,475.

St. Louis—Receipts, 588 bales; shipments, 45; stock, 30,642.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 885 bales; shipments, 491; stock, 25,044.

Little Rock—Middling, 19.88; receipts, 465 bales; shipments, 1,277; sales, 1,277; stock, 55,880.

Total today—Receipts, 31,376 bales; shipments, 23,688; stock, 827,727.

Dallas—Middling, 17.40; sales, 4,581 bales.

Montgomery—Middling 18.75.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Deluge of Selling Orders Follows Government's Crop Estimate

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—A deluge of selling orders followed the government's crop estimate of 11,511,000 bales in the cotton market here today. Prices broke 112 to 138 points during the first 15 minutes of trading after the receipt here of the government's figures. At these levels the market stood 132 to 161 points under Saturday's close. For half an hour the market was wild and unsettled but extremely heavy buying by shorts who wanted their profits became a steadying influence and there was a recovery the close being steady at a net lose of 72 to 89 points.

At the lowest of the day January, the weakest month, was 394 points or almost 4c a pound, down from the high levels of the season, made two weeks ago today.

Prior to the report the market was nervous and unsettled. A loss of 18 to 21 points around the opening was soon recovered, the market rising to a level two points up to one point down, compared to Saturday's close. This was the high of the day. At the middle of the session, prices were at a net loss of 32 to 36 points and at one o'clock, just before the estimate came, they were 17 to 25 down. After one o'clock breaks were as wide as 10 to 29 points between transactions and March immediately lost 42 points.

The estimate was considerably above general expectations which were hardly above 11,250,000 bales. Closing bid: December 1735; January 1737 March 1769; May 1795; July 1810 October 1629.

Spot cotton nominal and unchanged. Sales on the spot none, to arrive 26; middling 19.63.

DECLINE IN WHEAT PRICES

Virtual Stoppage of Export Buying and Withdrawal of Marine Insurance the Causes.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Virtual stoppage of export buying of wheat and the fact that marine insurance rates on the Atlantic had been completely withdrawn, proved a heavy burden today for holders of wheat, especially as the submarine issue with Germany seemed more acute. The market closed weak ¾ to 2½ net lower, with May at 1.75 to 1.75⅛ and July at 1.47⅞ to 148. Corn lost ⅛@1c to 1⅛@1½, oats ⅛ to 1⅛c and provisions 5 to 47½c. Close:

Wheat—May, 1.75; July, 1.47⅞.
Corn—May, 92¼; July, 91⅝.
Oats—May, 55⅝; July, 53⅛.
Pork—January, 26.65; May, 26.15.
Lard—January, 15.70; May, 15.70.
Ribs—January, 13.80; May, 14.17.

Cash grain: Wheat, No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, 1.65@1.73; No. 2 hard, 1.75; No. 3 hard, nominal. Corn, No. 2 yellow, 94; No. 4 yellow 91; No. 4 white, 90@90½@93.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

Cleared.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 11.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—49c.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.60.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 52c; rosin, $5.45 and $5.35; tar $2.30-9 1-2c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits turpentine .. .. —
Rosin .. .. —
Tar 122
Crude turpentine 4

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, — barrels; rosin, — barrels; tar, 42 barrels; crude turpentine, 32 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—19¼c; quotation same day last year, 11c.

Receipts—505 bales; same day last year, 422 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 70,226 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 131,300 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Dec. 11, 1916.

A. C. L. R. R.—Cotton, 494 bales; tar, 85 barrels; crude turpentine, 4 casks.

Sylva—Cotton, 11 bales.

Thelma—Tar, 37 barrels.

Total—Cotton, 505 bales; tar, 122 barrels; crude turpentine, 4 barrels.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 11.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Od hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 11.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 11.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, steady. New stock, $1.35 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market firm.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Hogs—Strong, 10 to 20 above Saturday's average. Bulk, 9.65@10.10; light, 9.05@9.95; mixed, 9.45@10.25; heavy, 9.60@10.30; rough, 9.60@9.75; pigs, 6.85@8.80.

Cattle—Weak; native beef cattle, 7.00@12.50; western steers, 7.00@10.50; stockers, 4.60@7.85; cows and heifers, 3.85@10.25; calves, 9.50@13.25.

Sheep—Strong wethers, 8.70@9.60; ewes, 5.15@9.00; lambs, 10.50@13.25.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 11.—The break in cotton markets today caused hesitation in cotton goods and cotton yarn trading and some price concessions were quoted on second-hand sales. Business was light. Men's wear openings attracted a large number of buyers. Raw silk was easier.

GENERAL LIST DEPRESSED

Stock Trading Governed Largely by Course of Foreign Affairs and Call Money.

New York, Dec. 11.—Trading on today's stock market was governed largely by the course of foreign affairs and a late rise in call money to 10 per cent, professionals utilizing these developments to depress the general list.

The 10 per cent money rate was more or less artificial, most loans being renewed at half that rate or lower. Some public liquidation occurred as a result of political conditions in England and France and further declines in Anglo-French 5s and City of Paris 6s to new low records. Austrian exchange also registered a new minimum with further unsettlement in marks.

Early prices were mostly above last week's final quotations, but the list reversed its course before the end of the first hour, with lowest prices toward the feverish close. Leading shares showed net declines of 1 to 3 points, with a loss of 13 points for Bethlehem Steel on a single transaction.

Pressure was most pronounced in the copper group. Prominent equipments and munitions, shipping shares and rails yielded 1 to 2 oints on moderate offerings. United States Steel held steady for a time, but fell more than a point on the more extensive selling of the later dealings.

Ajax Rubber rose over 4 points to the new high record of 89 1-8 and Central Leather advanced 3 1-4, but forfeited much of its gain later. Ohio Gas was the only utility to display marked strength at a gross gain of 5 points.

Today's market was affected to some extent by the further break in commodities, especially cotton.

Domestic bond issues were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,840,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

Allis-Chalmers	32¾
American Beet Sugar	104
American Can	59⅝
American Car and Foundry	75
American Cotton Oil	bid. 52½
American Locomotive	90¼
American Smelting	113⅜
American Sugar	114⅝
American Tel. and Tell	126
American Tobacco	218
American Zinc	56⅛
Anaconda Copper	94
Atchison	104
Atlantic Coast Line	120½
Baldwin Locomoitve	78⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	86⅜
Bethlehem Steel	626
Canadian Pacific	165⅛
Central Leather	110⅜
Chesapeake and Ohio	66½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	92
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry.	37⅜
Colorado Fuel and Iron	54½
Consolidated Gas	134⅜
Corn Products	26½
Crucible Steel	83
Cuba Cane Sugar	65⅝
Erie	36⅝
General Electric	178½
Great Northern, pfd.	116⅜
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	41½
Goodrich	68¼
Illinois Central	106½
Inspiration Copper	67
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd.	115⅞
International Nickel	46⅜
International Paper	64
Kansas City Southern	26½
Kennecott Copper	55
Lehigh Valley	80⅝
Louisville and Nashville, bid	130
Liggett and Beyers, bid	390
Lorillard Co., bid	337
Maxwell Motors, ex. div.	70⅝
Mexican Petroleum	106½
National Lead	66
New York Central	106⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	55⅝
Norfolk and Western	139⅛
Northern Pacific	110½
Pennsylvania	56⅛
Ray Consolidated Copper	31⅝
Reading	108⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	85⅞
Seaboard Air Line, pfd.	38½
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39½
Sloss-Shef. Steel and Iron	81¼
Studebaker Corporations	120⅝
Southern Pacific	98½
Southern Railway	29⅞
Southern Railway, pfd.	69¾
Tennessee Copper	24⅛
Texas Co.	200⅛
Union Pacific	144⅜
United Fruit	148⅜
United States Rubber	68⅞
United tSates Steel	123⅛
United States Steel, pfd.	121⅝
Utah Copper	120⅜
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	47
Wabash Pfd. "B"	31⅞
Western Union	101⅛
Westinghouse Electric	59⅜
Missouri Pacific W. I.	35

Total sales for the day 1,030,700 shares.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

Liverpool, Dec. 11.—Cotton: Spot, weak; American middling fair, 12.33; good middling, 11.73; middling, 11.63; low middling, 11.47. Sales, 7,000, 700 for speculation and export. Receipts, 31,000. Futures steady. December, 11.27; December-January, 11.27; January-February, 11.31; FebruaryMarch, 11.37; March-April, 11.44; April-May, 11.40; May-June, 11.55; June-July, 11.55; July-August, 11.54; August-September, 11.24; September-October, 10.77; October-November, 10.62; November-December, 10.54.

COTTON SEED OIL

New York, Dec. 11.—After starting steady cotton seed oil broke severely under enormous commission house liquidations and stop loss selling on the pronounced weakness in cotton and the brea kin lard. After declining 43 to 72 points the list rallied on short covering an dat the close was 33 to 51 points net lower. Sales 72,300 barrels. Close unsettled and irregular. Spot, 11.80 bid. December, 12.30@12.35; January, 12.20@12.22; February 12.10@12.20; March, 11.95@11.98; April, 11.90@12.10; May, 12.01@12.02; June, 12.00@12.20; July, 12.23@12.26.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET

New York, Dec. 11.—Mercantile paper 4, sterling 60-day bills, 4.71½; commercial sixty-day bills on banks, 4.71¼; commercial 60day bills, 4.71; demand, 4.75½; cables, 4.76 7-16. Bar silver, 75½. Mexican dollars, 58¼. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds heavy. Time loans steady, sixty days 4¼@4½; ninety days and six months 4@4¼. Call money strong, ruling rate 8¾.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 12, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 60 degrees; at 8 P. M., 50 degrees; maximum, 70 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .19 inch; rainfall fo rthe month, to date, .19 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 2.6 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 12, 1916.

Sun rises .. .. 7:08 A. M.
Sun sets .. .. 5:04 P. M.
Day's length .. .. 9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	11:33	11:43	6:34	7:12
Southport	9:30	9:45	3:23	4:04
Masonboro Inlet	9:19	9:34	3:03	3:44

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 12, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	38	20	0
Asheville	cldy	58	34	0
Atlanta	raining	58	40	.01
Augusta	cldy	62	46	0
Baltimore	raining	38	—	.30
Birmingham	cldy	58	46	.0
Boston	snowing	44	28	.01
Charleston	raining	64	52	.44
Charlotte	cldy	50	34	0
Chicago	snowing	34	32	.03
Galveston	clear	52	48	0
Jcksnville	raining	68	54	0
Memphi s	clear	40	40	0
Mobile	cldy	62	50	.14
Mntgm'ry	raining	62	46	.18
New Orleans	cldy	58	52	.0
New York	raining	40	50	.14
Oklahoma	clear	28	20	0
Palestine	clear	40	30	0
Pittsburg	cldy	50	28	0
Raleigh	cldy	43	32	.26
Savannah	raining	64	52	.18
Shreveport	clear	42	32	0
St Louis	cldy	34	34	.02
Washington	dy	36	26	.24

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK

New York, Dec. 11.—Beeves—Firm, steers, 6.75@10.75; bulls, 4.70@7.00; choice to extra fed, 7.25@8.00; cows, 3.65@6.90.

Calves—Steady; veals, 10.00@14.50; culls, 8.00@9.00; grassers, 5.50@6.75; Ohio and western, 7.75@8.60; yearlings, 4.50@5.50.

Sheep and lambs—Strong; sheep, 5.50@8.50; culls, 3.00@5.00; lambs, 11.50@12.70; culls, 9.00@10.00.

Hogs—Weak, light to heavy, 9.50@10.10; rough, 8.75; pigs, 9.00@9.50.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS

New York, Dec. 11.—Raw sugar easy, centrifugal, 5.63; molasses, 4.76; refined dull.

Coffee—Spot dull; Rio 7s, 9¼c; Santos 4s, 10¾c.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES

Savannah, Dec. 11.—Turpentine firm, 51; sales, 366; receipts, 517; shipments two; stock, 22,987.

Rosin firm; sales, 1,085; receipts, 2,500; shipments, 362; stock, 96,860. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, 6.15; F, G, 6.20; H, I, 6.25; K, 6.30; M, 6.40@6.50; N, 6.80@6.85; W. G., 7.00; W. H., 7.20.

Liverpool Holidays

Liverpool, Dec. 11.—The cotton exchange here will be closed December 23, 25, 26 and 30 and January 1.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 8:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 3:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE
IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.
WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH
WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:20 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‖Leaves from Station No. 3,

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND. Leave "Electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND. Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
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5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
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11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
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BASEBALL MAGNATES GATHER IN NEW YORK

For Series of Conferences to Last Most of the Week.

Impression Prevails That There Will Be Legislation Passed of Far-Reaching Importance to the National Sport.

New York, Dec. 11.—Baseball magnates representing the National and Interantional Leagues and the American Association assembled in this city today for a series of conferences which are expected to continue most of the week. The International League began its annual meeting shortly after noon with a conference with committees appointed to represent the American Association relative to a series of interleague games at the end of the regular pennant season.

The National League is not to convene until tomorrow afternoon, but the majority of the club owners were on hand early this evening prepared for what is expected to be a conference of more than usual importance. The general impression among the big league magnates appeared to be that before the annual meeting adjourned there would be legislation passed of far-reaching effect upon the national sport. One of the chief subjects of discussion and consultation was proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series.

Everal expressed the opinion that there would be radical changes adopted by the National League and submitted to the American League for ratification. Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, and president of the Cincinnati club, stated that he was heartily in favor of playing the 1917 series under an entirely different system from the one governing those of the last few years.

Herrmann advocated a series based upon the winning of five out of nine games; lower prices of admission and the distribution of a portion of the players' share of the receipts among the members of the second, third and fourth teams in the order of their finish at the close of the pennant races. He said he believed that with the series lengthened there would be greater opportunity for fans from all parts of the country to witness the play and admission charges could be lowered without lessening the aggregate receipts. If the winning and losing players' pool was taxed 25 per cent or some similar proportion and this sum divided among the players of the second, third and fourth clubs in each league, the players would be doing what the two leagues had compelled the winning club owner to do for several years. Other magnates stated that they favored the idea in a general way.

COUNCIL TO FORMALLY INVESTIGATE CHARGES

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that enough has been ascertained to justify an investigation by this Council.

"Among the irregularities which in my opinion should be considered by the Council I submit the following:

"1. The Pay Roll of the Street Department for the week ending October 27th, 1916, shows the names of two men, to wit; J. Brown and E. Smith; it further shows that Superintendent of Streets Jno. J. Furlong, signed the pay roll for the monies due to each of these two men as shown by the pay roll, to wit, the sum of $10.50 each.

"2. The pay roll for the weeks ending December 2nd and December 9th in the Street and Wharves Department shows the name of W. L. Burkheimer and that he made four days time in the City's employ, the amount paid him being shown on the pay roll as $10.00.

"As to the items above mentioned is Paragraph 1.

"After investigation I have been unable to satisfy myself that the two men whose names appeared on the pay roll for the week ending October 27th and for whose pay Superintendent John J. Furlong signed the pay roll, performed any service for the City and I therefore ask the Council to investigate a charge of irregularity against Superintendent John J. Furlong.

"As to the item above mentioned in Paragraph 2.

"From what information I have been able to obtain it appears that W. L. Burkheimer did not give his services to the City for the dates as shown on said pay roll, certainly not for four days, but on the contrary he appears to have been employed during said time, or a part thereof by the county of New Hanover. I therefore, ask the Council to investigate a charge of irregularity in this particular against Superintendent Jno. J. Furlong.

"The information concerning the first irregularity herein mentioned was brought to me by Councilman McCaig. I request Councilman McCaig to furnish to the Council the names of any persons who can furnish to the Council information bearing on that matter, and if the persons who are able to furnish such information did not furnish it direct to Councilman McCaig, then that Councilman McCaig will inform the Council of the name of the person who informed him to the end that such person may furnish the names of witneses as suggested.

"I wish to add that I regret that any employe of the Streets and Wharves Department saw fit to report any seeming irregularities to anyone other than myself as the Councilman in charge of said Department such action would seem not only to indicate disloyalty on the part of some of the employes in said Department to myself as the Councilman in charge of it, but has also been a source of some embarrassment to me in the performance of my duty as such Councilman.

"W. J. BRADSHAW,

"Councilman in charge of Streets and Wharves".

Following the reading of this statement, Councilman Merritt moved that his request be granted and a little later in the session moved further that Mr. Furlong be given time in which to answer the charges. Councilman McCaig stated that in his opinion Council had very properly heard the witneses and he, therefore, seconded the motion. Captain Meares at the request of Councilman Jones read parts of sections 110, 111 and 112 of the city ordinances, which provide that before any city employe can be confronted with charges that they must be passed upon by a committee of City Council and that they shall then be presented to the person concerned, who shall be given reasonable time to prepare his defense, and Council shall then make its investigation.

A. G. Ricaud, Esq., who had been present at the hearing, explained that he and W. P. Gafford, Esq., appeared as counsel for Mr. Furlong but that they had not deemed it necesary to take any part in the hearing as no charges had been brought. Naturally Mr. Furlong would want time in which to summon witnesses, he stated, and as he would be busy in Superior court for several days, he asked that the hearing be conducted a week from yesterday. However, City Attorney Ruark thought it should be held earlier and it was finally decided to have it Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Ricaud stated that he did not consider that it would take longer than two or three hours at the outside to hear all the evidence. The session is to be public. Council then adjourned.

The first person examined yesterday was Mr. Oscar Peck, who in reply to a question from Councilman Bradshaw stated that Mr. Cato J. Cumming had worked for him at odd times for some months in unloading wood from cars but that he usually worked at night. However, last week Mr. Cumming had worked some on Friday and again on Saturday for which he had received a total of $4.80.

Councilman Bradshaw told Mr. Cumming that he saw where his name had appeared on the pay roll for a full week ending Friday night and the latter in reply stated that his hand had been hurt about two weeks ago and that he did not feel that he could use a shovel successfully. Councilman Bradshaw stated later that it was customary for city employes when they got hurt while in the service of the city to receive pay for the time they were unable to work.

Councilman Bunting wanted to know for whom Mr. Cumming was looking for last Thursday and the latter declared that he was not looking for anyone but later stated that he was looking for J. Brown and E. Smith. Replying to questions from Councilman Merritt he stated that these men were strangers to him but that he had been them at the stables one time. He didn't know under whom they worked.

At this juncture, Councilman Merritt suggested that there should be a stenographer to take down the testimony and one was secured a little later.

Mr. W. H. Blair, assistant city tax collector, stated that Mr. Cumming had received from the city the past week $10.50 and that Mr. W. L. Burkheimer had received $10 for four days work, according to the pay rolls.

Deputy Sheriff Kelly stated that Mr. Cumming had told him last Thursday that he was looking for J. Brown and E. Smith. Deputy Sheriff Cronly exhibited a receipt showing that Mr. Burkheimer had received $12 last week for work for the county as court officer.

Andrew Jackson Brown, colored, who conducts a store at Twelfth and Red Cross streets, was very emphatic in his denial that he ever bought any feed from the city. Councilman Bunting reminded him that he was under oath but the negro did not change his statement though he did say that he had hauled a couple of loads of wood for Mr. Furlong, having carried it to the latter's home.

Mr. H. B. Shepard, who was next called, explained that he had worked at the city stables since last January. He had never sold anything to Brown although the latter had asked him if he could get some feed. Brown had hauled away some junk, he thought, but nothing of value. He knew of no irregularity of any kind.

Mr. R. M. Roberts, who has charge of the incinerator, knew of no irregularities at the city stables. In reply to a question from Councilman McCraig asking if it was not a fact that the city employes are now keeping close tab on each other said he thought so. He felt sure that if there had been anything serious he would know about it. However, he had enough to look after his own work without looking for trouble elsewhere.

With reference to the statement made that some of the employes had hauled away limbs and wood from the city stables, Mayor Moore explained that this had been the custom and other members of Council agreed with him.

Mr. Will Rehder was called to the stand again and asked if the ditch back of his green houses had been cleaned out recently and replied that it had not been since August. He did not know about ditches elsewhere. E. Smith and J. Brown and other might have been employed on other ditches and he would not have known about it, he said.

Mr. G. H. Nichols, who has charge of the feeding of the horses at the city stables, said he had been there about a month. No feed had been taken away since he had been there. He knew of no complaints although he said he did not like some changes that Councilman Bunting had made.

Councilman Bunting, city purchasing agent, explained at this juncture that he delivered to the stables on November 1, 80 sacks of oats or 400 bushels and 50 sacks of corn or 100 bushels. The usual amount necesary for feeding 28 horses a month had been 60 bags of oats and 30 bags of corn. He thought that there was about 80 bushels of oats and 36 bushels of corn unaccounted for. Mr. Nichols said that he was confident that he had fed the horses right and he knew that none of it had been carried away while he was there.

Mr. W. L. Burkheimer admitted that he had told Councilman Bradshaw that there would be no charge made by him for assisting in looking after the work at the Sixth Street bridge. He stated however, that he had given three or four hours a day to this work and that it had been with approval of Mr. Furlong that he had drawn the $10 for this work. It was a very particular job on the bridge and it required some direction. He had merely done the work in order to help out. He did not know J. Brown and E. Smith.

Mr. E. E. Boney was the last witness examined and he explained that he know nothing irregular at the city stables. Mr. J. M. Jones, who is employed at the city stables, had never seen any irregularity. About the first of the year he had given Andrew Brown, colored, two sacks of cement, on the order of Mr. Furlong.

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METHODISTS FAVOR A HOME FOR GIRLS

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Greening, C. C. Brothers, T. J. Dailey, C. W. Smith, M. D. Giles, D. B. Parker, C. R. Canipe.

Patriarchs Heard From.

W. H. Moore, a superannuated minister of Rockingham, sent a letter to the conference pleading for "God's richest blessings." He stated that it was the first roll call he had missed in 51 years. A. D. Betts, for 60 years a Methodist preacher, told the conference in person, "Don't be troubled, as the path grows brighter the farther you get along in life." He said he had designated himself as chaplain of Keeley institute.

The conference took a vote on the question proposed by the General Conference of Methodists in the United States as to the contemplated change of the constitution to permit the lay delegates the privileges granted the preachers in the conference. The measure was voted down by 119 to 40 here today.

Methodist Colleges.

The report of the board of education pleads for educational instruction that would go to make men. Trinity College was voted one of the greatest assets of the Methodist conference. The growth of Trinity College, Carolina College, Greensboro College for Women, and Louisburg College was described in numerical strength. The board recommended these appropriations for the respective colleges: Trinity College, $5,000; Louisburg, $2,000; Greensboro College, $2,250; and proportionate for Carolina College.

G. F. Smith, of Rockingham, and M. T. Plyler, of Wilmington, were named on the board of trustees of Carolina College.

Dr. F. N. Parker, of Candler School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta, addressed the body on the importance of a trained ministry and special training, at that.

He said no ministry could ever be a great ministry unless it were a defensive ministry to discern what is false and answer what is false.

R. B. John, president of Carolina College, told them no uneducated woman could bring up an educated child.

A. D. Wilcox was elected to preach the annual conference sermon in 1917. S. E. Mercer was named alternate.

A committee on Russian industrial affairs reports that there is need for a rapid increase in the means for generating electric power in Russia. At present there are 93 generating stations with a capacity of 79,553 kilowatts in European Russia.

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ARMY AND NAVY GET SERIOUS ATTENTION

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tered in getting the building programme authorized by the last session under construction. He pointed out that no satisfactory bids have been received for the four battle cruisers of the 1917 programme, nor any bids at all for three of the four scout cruisers. They were ne wtypes, but vitally necessary in the opinion of the General Board, the Secretary said, and he added:

"Every time we make a change and advancement in design, the shipbuilders want to stick to the old plans."

The Secretary will ask $6,000,000 a year for the equipment of government yards to build ships. He inserted a statement in the committee record showing his approval of the General Board's recommendation for 12-gun, 23-knot, 42,000 ton battleships in the 1918 programme at a probable cost for hull and machinery alone of $15,000,000.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—George Tech and the University of Virginia will meet on the gridiron next year for the first time, according to Tech's tentative football schedule for 1917, made public here tonight. The Virginia game here October 20, 1917, is regarded as settled, and other games virtually closed for include those with Mercer, Davidson, Tulane, Furman, University of Georgia, Washington & Lee and Auburn. All will be in Atlanta exvept the Tulane contest.

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Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.70	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at Par)	602,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	723,923.59
Bank Building	430,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,600.00	Special Deposit Bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:

Nov. 17th, 1914	$4,213,461.77
Nov. 17th, 1915	6,083,763.59
Nov. 17th, 1916	7,510,133.21

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